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Psychology gets down to business

Admissions standards tightened

BY MARK BUDGELL

UTM's Psychology department hopes that curriculum changes and more rigorous admission standards will put UTM's psychology programme on par with that of the St. George campus. Members of the Psychology Association of Undergraduate Students at Erindale (PAUSE) are concerned that the changes may result in limited access to UTM's psychology courses.

Currently, class sizes are larger at UTM. UTM offers 13 300-level lecture courses to 1,166 students, while St. George offers 27 300-level courses to 1,231 students.

Department officials say that the recent changes will offer students courses of similar variety and quality to St. George's.

For PAUSE director Becky Bakos, this discrepancy is unfair to UTM psychology students. "What really ticks me off," says Bakos, "is the difference that exists between the two campuses even though a relatively equal number of students are enrolled. St. George offers more variety and smaller classes, more than Erindale can provide."

For Kim Butler, a UTM student enrolled in the psychology specialist programme, the changes have come too late. "I have already made arrangements to move downtown next year," says Butler, "I wish these changes had been made while I was in first year."

Butler says that the variety of courses offered at UTM compared to the St. George campus is "disappointing. In my first and second year I was very upset to learn what St. George campus students were offered." Butler says that the changes in admission requirements would not have hurt her. "I just wish they had done this for my first year."

Stuart Kamenetsky, coordinator for the psychology programme, points out that the changes are meant to offset these discrepancies. "We feel that the St. George campus has better resources than we do," says Kamenetsky. "They teach psychology to approximately the same number of majors and specialists that we do, yet they have many more professors, more administrative support, and basically, better funding."

"In some way the changes are good," says Bakos, "but now it will be harder for students to get into these classes. Basically, if you're not in psychology, good luck getting in."

The changes will cut the number of students enrolled in the classes and "make it harder for students to enroll in programmes," says Kamenetsky. Enrollment in 300-level courses will be limited to fifty students per class.

Admission criteria toughened

UTM's Psychology department made the criteria for admission into psychology programmes more difficult.

The new criteria for admissions into the psychology programmes include the enforcement of a required OAC math credit, the addition of a minimum GPA of 2.0 for entrance into the major programme, and an increased GPA of 3.0 for entrance into the specialist programme.

Kamenetsky says that the introduction of a required GPA to the major programme was a necessity. "What we found previously," says Kamenetsky, "is that we had to admit students that were basically on probation with averages of 50 and 51 per cent in every course that they took, and by some chance they got a 60 per cent in psychology What happens is we admit them after first year, they start taking second year courses and they keep on failing them or get Cs and Ds in the courses and can't graduate anyway." Accepting these kinds of students into the programme is to do them a disservice, says Kamenetsky.

photo/Sijie Xu

PAUSE President Becky Bakos fears the implementation of higher admission standards will limit access to courses.

For Bakos, however, bad news accompanies the improvements. Bakos points out that the new admission criteria and restricted enrollment into the 300-level courses may be detrimental to some students. "In some way the changes are good," says Bakos, "but now it will be harder for students to get into these classes. Only students with higher academic records will get into the programmes. Basically, if you're not in psychology, good luck getting in."

"It's sad that students interested in fields related to psychology can't take the courses that interest them or would benefit them because they're not in the psychology pro-

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PAUSE psychs up pub

Last Friday at the Blind Duck, PAUSE and friends rock'n'rolled all night and partied all day.

Fork out more

Students respond to QSS increases

BY MICHAEL SCHMIDT

Some student leaders are concerned about further increases to students' non-academic incidental fees. Some of these individuals questioned ECARA's decision to approach the Quality Services for Students committee (QSS) for approval of a fee increase, even though ECARA is a student society and accountable to the students.

"I don't have a problem with it. With the Career Centre, students see something for their money," said Glen Hammond, PTS@UTM president

At a recent QSS meeting, UTM's new career centre manager, Joan McCurdy-Myers, made an impassioned plea for a five-dollar increase so that the Centre could hire another full-time employee. The increase would hike up non-academic incidental fees from the current $138.50 to $144.00, with fifty cents going towards inflationary increases. Not all student leaders are convinced that the increase is a good idea.

ECSU Vice President of Finance Pedro Tavares believes that students should be very concerned about increases and whether or not their money is spent properly. "I notice a good portion gets transferred to the Career Centre downtown," said Tavares. Instead of increasing student fees, Tavares suggested developing user fees for graduating students, a clientele he believes use the Centre's services more than anyone else. UTM Athletic Director Mary Ann Pilskalnietis countered Tavares' comments, claiming that user fees can limit access to the services.

By comparison, Glen Hammond, president of the Part-time Students at UTM, supports the fee. "I don't have a problem with it. With the Career

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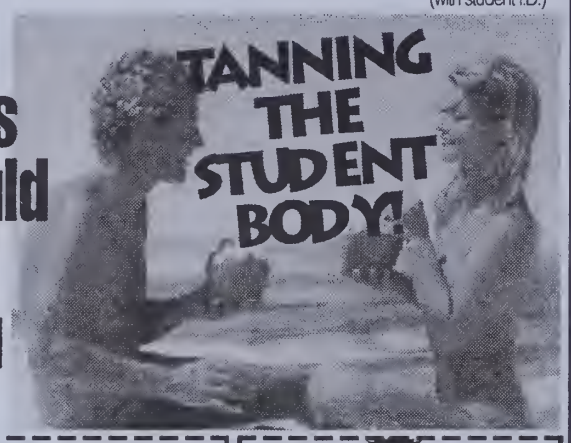

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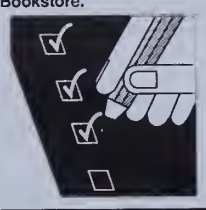

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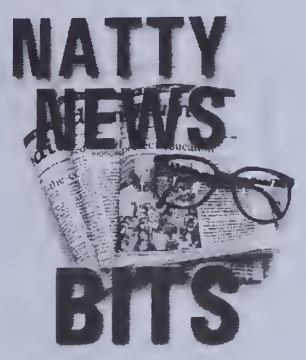

UTM popular with applicants

According to the Ontario Universities' Application Centre; UTM faces a 36 per cent increase in high school students showing interest in UTM this year. In 1998, 3,173 students chose UTM as either their first, second or third choice. This year, 4,317 students chose UTM.

Principal McNutt credited the increase to UTM's rigorous recruitment efforts.

Overall, the U of T saw a 10.3 per cent increase in students who showed interest in the U of T.

Celebrate Diversity Week at UTM

UTM will celebrate the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination this week, from Monday, March 15 to Wednesday, March 18, 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Meeting Place. The event is organized and hosted by UTM's clubs, dean of student affairs, the dean's advisory group on diversity and ECSU. More than twenty clubs will show displays, and some clubs will give short presentations, including dancing, singing, skits, and a guide dog demonstration.

Seminar

Dr. Robert Gimello, a professor at the University of Arizona and Harvard University, will give a lecture, "Mother and Father to All Buddhas: Mahayana/Mantrayana Cult of Manjusri to Late Tang," on Friday, March 19 at 11 a.m. in Room 262, North Building.

For more information, call Julie Waters at 828-3725.

Campus Police Reports

February 21, 3:50 p.m.: Fire Alarm: Mississauga Fire Department and campus police officers attended a fire alarm at the Drama Theatre. It was determined to be a false alarm. *[Ed's note: the alarm was charged with "impersonating a fire alarm."]*

February 22, 2:20 p.m.: Assault: A fight between two female students playing soccer resulted in one female being bitten. Both females were cautioned regarding their behaviour. *[Ed's note: RRReoar—Hiss! Both females were escorted to a pool of Jell-o.]*

February 22, 10:00p.m.: Fire Alarm: Mississauga Fire Department and campus police officers attended a fire alarm in the Blind Duck Pub. It was determined to be a false alarm. *[Ed's note: Police have issued a warrant for the arrest of a false alarm. If anyone sees the false alarm, do not call the police. Suspect is not armed and is not considered dangerous.]*

Februrary 23, 10:00 p.m.: Found Ammunition: A caretaker in the Kaneff Centre found three rounds of ammunition. Two of the three rounds had been used. Peel Police were notified. *[Ed's note: Police turned the ammunition into some jazzy necklaces.]*

February 25, 3:20 p.m.: Mischief over $5000: A female student attended the office to report that her vehicle had been "keyed" while it was parked in Parking Lot #3. The damage may have been a result of a driving dispute. *[Ed's note: I suppose she got into a driving dispute with a giant key!]*

Psychology toughens up

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gramme," says Bakos.

Bakos, in her final year of a psychology specialist, is also leery of the higher standards for enrollment into the psychology programme. "I would never have gotten in with these standards," says Bakos, "my performance now doesn't reflect my performance in first year. I think I have excelled [over time]."

Students interested in knowing all of the changes to the programme should consult the 1999-2000 course calender.

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On Wednesday, March 24 at 6 p.m., Gary Warrick will give a lecture entitled, "How to Get Summer Job in Archaeology?"

Look for REALM, the Reflective Erindale Art and Literary Magazine, on April 12.

Pontet dismayed by ECARA's actions

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Centre, students see something for their money," he said, speaking from personal experience as a graduating student who uses the service.

SAC Erindale director Paul Kutasi is upset about the proposed fee increase. He is troubled by the fact that six members of QSS' 10-member voting panel, like the graduate student representative, UTM's chief administrative officer, a health services representative, a Career Centre representative, and UTM's head don aren't elected by undergraduates, and, therefore, are not accountable to undergraduate students. "It's a committee of 10 people to represent 7000 students," he said. If Kutasi is successful in his bid for SAC's vice-presidency, he said he will pressure the administration to put any non-tuition fee increase to a student referendum.

The 10-member panel will vote on student service budgets on March 15. The Career Centre's five-dollar increase is included in the Centre's budget. Members will vote to approve the budget, but not on whether to approve the fee increase.

"I'm out of the loop. It's a kick in the teeth," said Pontet.

ECARA increase

Another contentious issue is ECARA's request that QSS consider allowing a fee increase without a student referendum. Currently, ECARA is a student society. Next year, a new governance model will manage ECARA, though ECARA and University administrators refuse to explain how the model will affect student influence in athletics. ECARA approached QSS to approve a fee increase, citing that its actions make sense in light of the yet-to-be-made-public governance model.

SAC Erindale chair Steve Pontet is very upset with ECARA's course of action over the past months. Though representatives from ECARA and other members of the community met numerous times to discuss the new model, SAC, Pontet said, was never invited. Pontet felt that SAC could have voiced student concerns at those meetings, and wonders if the people involved are trying to hide something. "I'm out of the loop. It's a kick in the teeth," said Pontet. While Pontet said he understands ECARA's financial predicament, he believes that the minimal fee increase that ECARA has asked of QSS may be too little, too late. "If you see your society about to collapse, why not take action right away?" asked Pontet. He predicted that "the student part of ECARA will go bankrupt. They might search for money from SAC." Pontet would not say if SAC would offer financial assistance.

ECSU President and former ECARA president Mike Giordano admitted that he knew the department was in financial trouble, but felt that "there was no point in having a referendum when they were in the middle of reviewing the Department of Athletics and Recreation."

Beware the underwear thieves

Photo/Sijie Xu

Hey ma! Look at me, I'm the Swedish Chef. Bork! Bork! Or maybe just a member of the panty patrol.

Diversity post created

BY ROBERT PRICE

Next fall, UTM will gain a diversity relations officer, an administrator who will try to tend to the needs of UTM's culturally diverse population.

The new post was one of the key recommendations of the Principal's Advisory Committee on Diversity and Excellence, a standing committee convened by Principal McNutt about two years ago to educate students and promote to them the diverse needs of the UTM community.

"When we do not understand, we hold myths and create stereotypes. We want to eliminate all of this," said McNutt, adding that the officer will "help us understand the issues (we face)." McNutt explained that UTM is an extremely diverse campus today and that the community will continue diversifying in the future as Mississauga and UTM expand. "We need this position," said McNutt.

UTM Dean of Students Les McCormick announced the position at a recent Quality Services for Students (QSS) committee meeting. McCormick explained that the officer will interact with students, staff, and faculty. McCormick said that the officer will be involved with a forthcoming College survey. The broad-ranging student satisfaction survey will include diversity-related questions. Another survey will ask staff to ascertain their needs so that the Officer can provide training.

Positions similar to the diversity relations officer, like the race relations officer, already exist within the U of T. None of these positions, however, were instituted specifically to cultivate an understanding of cultural diversity.

McNutt said that the position's terms of reference are being written. The position will be filled and in place by the fall.

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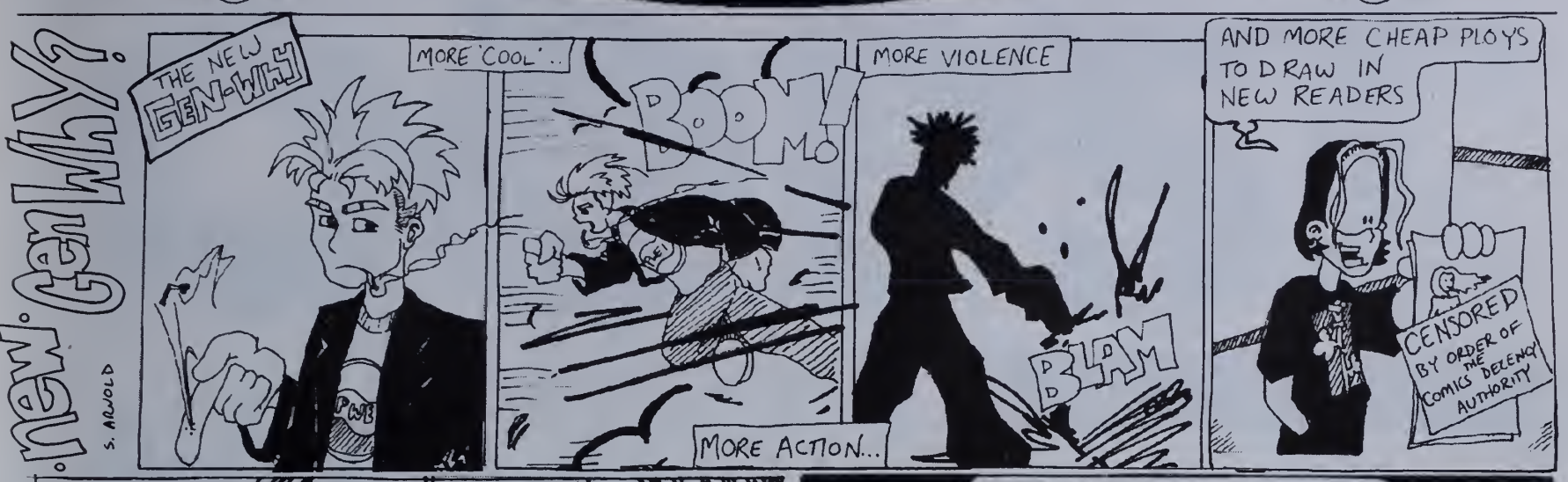

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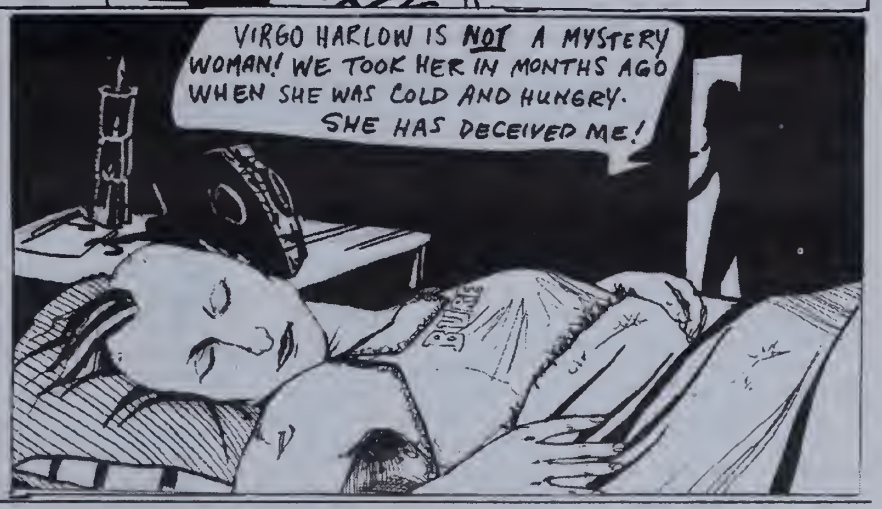

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While helping others achieve their goals, don't lose sight of your own, especially as the school year comes to an end.

Taurus **Apr. 20-May 20**
Keep in mind your ability to remain calm and patient while everyone else loses their minds.

Gemini **May 21-June 20**
Be cautious of gossip, it is seldom good. The restless feelings you have had lately can be relieved, just be inventive.

Cancer **June 21July 22**
Expect the unexpected, something shocking is just around the corner. Laughter will improve your life.

Leo **July 23-Aug. 22**
You will have an exceptional week. Good things are coming your way, just watch for them and be ready to jump on them when they arrive.

Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22**
You are emotionally warm which draws people to you. Just be careful not to be too demanding of them.

Libra **Sept. 23-Oct 22**
Use your sincere but charming nature to help you get what you want. This is your week to be lucky in love!

Scorpio **Oct. 23-Nov.21**
Don't let small set backs stand in your way or bring you down. Pour your energy into attaining the positive things you deserve.

Sagittarius **Nov. 22-Dec. 21**
Being frank and open could hurt others, think before you speak, and things will run smoothly.

Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19**
Stop being such a chicken. You know that you are optimistic. You can find good in every situation, just look for it.

Aquarius **Jan. 20- Feb. 18**
You may have to fight for your beliefs but your loyal friends will be there to back you up. Tell them how much you appreciate them.

Pisces **Feb. 19-Mar. 20**
Don't get too emotionally involved in other people's problem. Focus on your own obstacles and take care of yourself first.

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Welcome to Secrets Revealed, a new segment in which we at *The Recess* will attempt to explain the great mysteries of life. This week: The Colonal's secret 11 herbs and spices.

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Next: *The Caramilk Secret*

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Erindale College: 2010

EDITORIAL

With all of the planning going on around here lately, the next few years could be the busiest time since the early seventies (when the South Building was built). If we survive the turn of the century (and the Y2K bug), what will Erindale be like?

The year is 2010, and yesterday the Peel Regional Police arrested three hundred protesters, residents of Mississauga Road who prevented students and staff from entering the campus. In 2009, the campus swelled to 12,000 students, creating traffic chaos on two-lane Mississauga Road. Mississauga city council planned to expropriate the land opposite the College to expand Mississauga Road to six lanes. The possibility of expropriation caused residents to stage the protest and sabotage campus utilities, including cutting power lines during the opening of the new Student Centre.

Speaking of the Student Centre, the old one opened in 1999, but became too small in 2003 when the double-cohort problem (double first-year classes after the elimination of grade 13) faced the College. Since UTM could barely raise enough money to build the first Student Centre, they hadn't bothered to fundraise for any subsequent buildings since. This problem forced students to study, socialize, and eat in their cars.

The warnings of overcrowding had been heard from the library staff before 1999, but they weren't heeded. According to old issues of *The Medium*, students used the library to eat and socialize. The library solved the problem in 2004 by adding a night club to the library. Thursday night ('Stripper in your carrel night') attracted thousands.

Last year, the College changed the name of the "bistro" (or pub). The honoured Blind Duck tradition ended after a protest by three hundred blind students and four hundred ducks. The name was considered offensive to blind people because it focussed on their disability rather than their abilities. The blind students formed a coalition with the local mallards to raise awareness. The mallards expressed concern that the name reminded them too often of a "Duck Blind," an insidious hideaway in which many hunters killed the mallards' comrades. After no one could agree on a name–because every choice offended someone–the naming committee chose to call the pub simply "The." Grammarians were outraged.

In 2006, Erindale's new gym facilities opened. Students became more active, joining teams, and becoming fit. Soon the men's and women's ball hockey league numbers swelled to 8000 students. Bookies infiltrated the campus, and the sports leagues were full of corruption. Fans attacked players for suspicion of throwing games. Now the problem facing the athletic facilities is that they are too small. Since 2006, an unforeseen side effect of intense physical activity on students has been increased height and weight (often through steroids). No longer can students fit through the new facility's changeroom doors. The solution proposed by the DAR review committee is to ram them through the doors. A little push never hurt, they say.

The campus looks a lot different than it did in 1999. The school removed all of the trees alongside the Credit River to make way for a golf course, one of the best in the country. The school turned the Principal's House into the "19th hole," complete with its own restaurant.

The school turned most of the green space into residences, meaning that now over half the student population lives on campus. The campus police, who finally received billy-clubs last week, have had trouble keeping the peace. After getting the clubs, one officer beat the shit out of a student who was parked illegally. The old motto "stern warning and a parking ticket" has now become "a good beating never hurts."

Last month, the Erindale College Council considered a proposal to split from U of T. Upon Hazel McCallion's passing (in office, of course) two months ago, lawyers revealed a clause in her will that donated $500 million of Mississauga's hefty $1-billion surplus to Erindale College if it separated from U of T and changed its name to the University of Mississauga. After the ECC approved of the split, Hazel jumped out from behind the bushes and revealed her living, breathing 110-year-old self. Her wrinkly face crinkled as she laughed at the astonished Council members, who realized the decision to split was final. Hazel got her wish.

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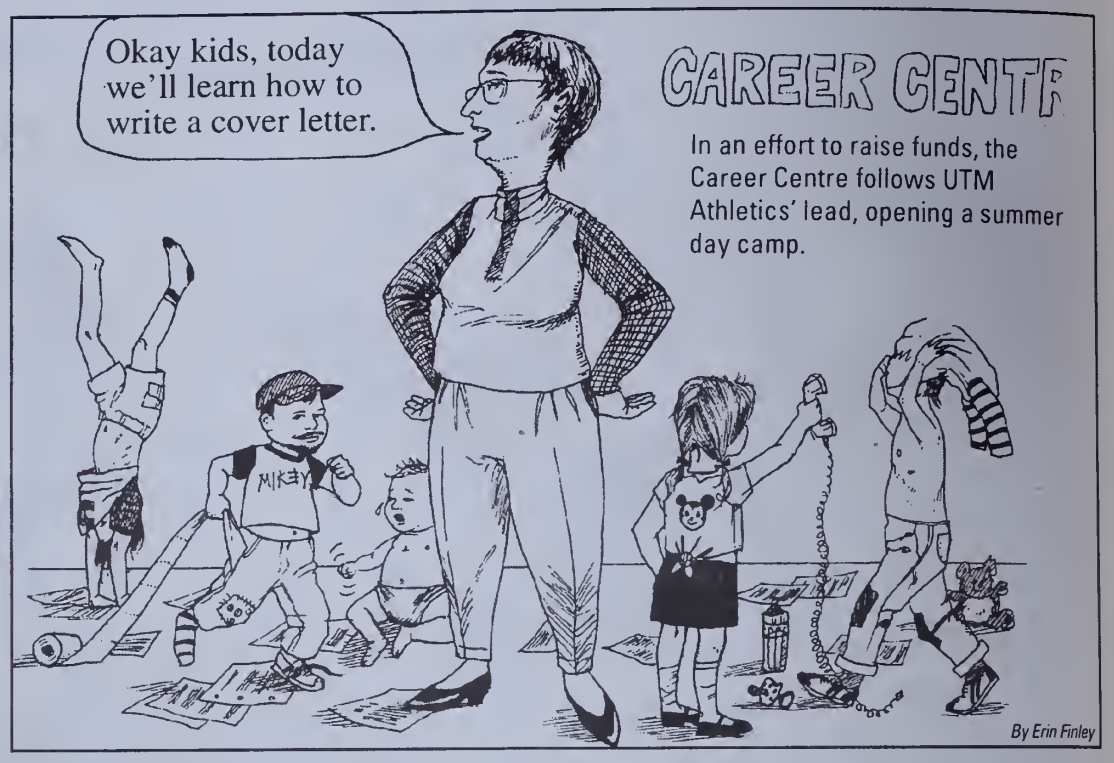
Sipe, all the people look distorted. what did you do to them? I don't really get the cartoon, Mike But I'll print it anyway, since you and rob seem to get it. Election forum this Thursday!!! come out!! Paul Stanley plays the Phantom of the Opera this summer, what a treat!! Four more issues. My desk is like a war zone. Nobody entered the South Park contest. I don't even want those CDs!!! Any girls want to force their nature on me?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In an effort to raise funds, the Career Centre follows UTM Athletics' lead, opening a summer day camp.
MIKEY
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Monkey business defines Canada?

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Welcome to the Molson Monkey House of Canadian Orthodoxy. Bravo, bravo, mousier Molson for a fine use of primitives.

The long and proud history of Canada has been written by a bunch of cheesy, smiling, banana-loving monkeys chained to typewriters. It's enough to make a patriotic Canuck weep with pride. Oh, gush. 'Cause ya know we're justa buncha cute n' playful lil' cheeky puck monkeys of the north ain't we? Molson must hold us in the very highest of regards.

The use of patriotism to sell products is as old and primitive as the monkey itself. When our national symbols are manipulated, we passively accept it–bravo, Canada. To have a malting firm define what it is to be Canadian is so Canadian. Or is it that Canada just can't quite shake the Molson monkey off its back? It's almost as if you can see Canada slowly devolving before your eyes into conformist corporate lovin', beer swillin', typewriter-jockey monkeys.

I once saw a funny-looking monkey at the circus performing tricks. Are Canadians performing funny tricks for Molson or have we grasped the fire of intelligence and freedom? Or is the whole idea an attempt to possibly reverse evolution; for the enlightened individual would not be influenced by or care for the sultry seduction of mindless material products paraded by even the most clever of monkeys? An enlightened Canadian might pursue the poetic handling of a puck, the curing of cancer, or keeping peace upon the earth, rather than being suckered into becoming a silly, beer-schluckin', letter-punchin' foam monkey for Molson. Or are we all destined to stand at attention straight and tall and salute Bobo, beer and banana in the fine tradition of Molson as one of the 1000 elite conformist twist-top jive monkeys in cahoots with Reagan's finest co-star Bonzo. Or is all of this monkey business just a kookie advertising scheme

Letter to the editor

Ad policy hurts students

Have you found a summer job yet? Many students have not. With exams, part-time work, and other school commitments, it is tough to find time to hunt down a summer job. The resident student who needs to find a job back home has a particularly hard time. Everyone knows the long process involved in getting a job. Everyone is also aware of the incredible shortage of jobs available for the summer season. Finding a summer job can require just as much dedication as any university class. As a College Pro manager, I have been looking to hire students for the summer production season. With the lack of time available for students, I have been attempting to find ways to reach students. Every day you read about youth unemployment combined with an increasing tuition rate. Students are financially strapped and it is not due to a lack of effort on their part. Considering all of these things, I was under the impression that an employer looking to hire students for the summer would be welcomed by the University of Toronto at Mississauga.

Have you ever wondered why, in a campus full of hard-working students, it is impossible to find job employment advertisements on bulletin boards? Think about it, with the number of dedicated students looking for summer jobs, there should be far more advertisements for employment at the university.

Employers want to hire summer workers as early as possible, just as much as students would like to secure a summer position. ECSU, however, discourages employers from recruiting within UTM. ECSU charges $20 for every 10 posters that employers place on bulletin boards. The message ECSU sends to the employer us, 'if you want to hire students within our school, it will cost you.' At the same time, consider what you are getting for the $20; a crowded, messy bulletin board on which ads overlap one another and most are likely ripped down within five days. These same bulletin boards are free for the average student.

How many small business owners have been discouraged from advertising potential positions because of this charge? Advertising a job is not advertising a product; this is simply about an employer looking to hire students. If ECSU was interested in the students' well-being, it is unreasonable to discourage employers from recruiting employees at UTM. ECSU policy strikes right at employers who look to hire students, and, in the long-run, UTM students who do not find these opportunities.

Mark Trenbeth

TALKING HEADS

What do you think is the most important issue in the student elections?

"They should bring up and represent the student body's opinions and concerns to the right people."
— Mona Lisa Rozon

"Tuition hikes. Rising cost of tuition is making it unbearable to deal with."
Shelley Stiller—

"Tuition hikes! Something must be done to freeze tuition. The cuts are fat enough."
—Victor Wozniak

"The most important thing is to listen to what the students want...lower tuition and Mug rootbeer."
Kevin Joson—

Photos by Sijie Xu

OOPS!

What the AD said...

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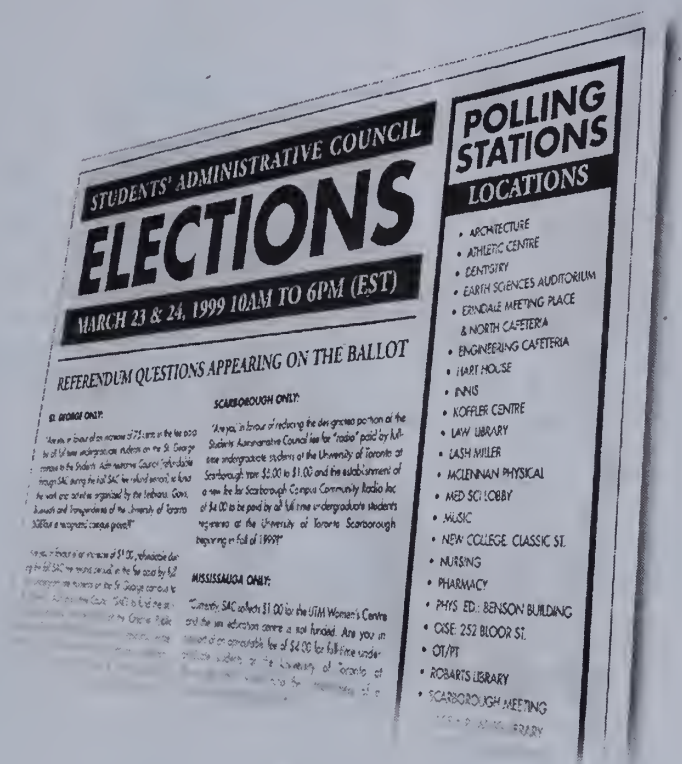
STUDENTS' ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

ELECTIONS

MARCH 23 & 24, 1999 10AM TO 6PM (EST)

REFERENDUM QUESTIONS APPEARING ON THE BALLOT

ST. GEORGE ONLY:

SCARBOROUGH ONLY:

"Are you in favour of reducing the discretionary portion of the Student's Administrative Council fee for "Radio" paid by full-time undergraduate students at the University of Toronto at Scarborough from $2.00 to $1.00 and the establishment of a new fee for Scarborough Campus Community Radio Inc. of $4.00 to be paid by all full-time undergraduate students registered at the University of Toronto Scarborough beginning in Fall of 1999?"

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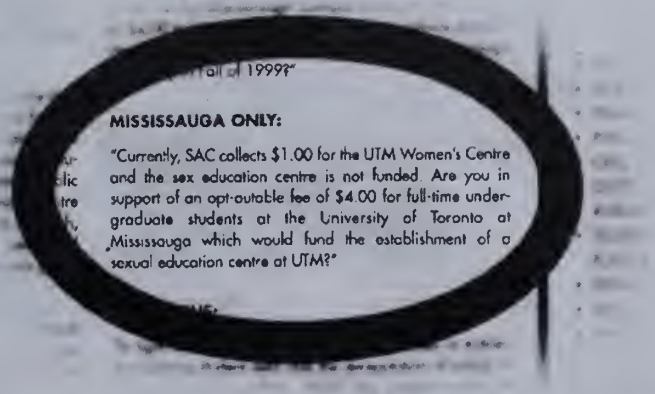
POLLING STATIONS

LOCATIONS

- ARCHITECTURE
- ATHLETIC CENTRE
- DENTISTRY
- EARTH SCIENCES AUDITORIUM
- ERINDALE MEETING PLACE & NORTH CAFETERIA
- ENGINEERING CAFETERIA
- HART HOUSE
- INNIS
- KOFFLER CENTRE
- LAW LIBRARY
- LASH MILLER
- MCLENNAN PHYSICAL
- MED SCI LOBBY
- MUSIC
- NEW COLLEGE CLASSIC ST.
- NURSING
- PHARMACY
- PHYS. ED.: BENSON BUILDING
- OISE: 252 BLOOR ST.
- OT/PT
- ROBARTS LIBRARY
- SCARBOROUGH MEETING

What the AD didn't say...

The Referendum Question should have also stated that the $4.00 opt-outable* levy is to be divided equally between the UTM Women's Centre and the establishment of a sexual education centre at UTM.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Unfortunately, due to the SAC by-laws, we are unable to change the wording of the question on the ballot. However, the money will be divided if, and only if, the Referendum Question is passed by the voting body of Erindale (UTM).

Issued on the authority of Ian Pierini Chief Returning Officer

*this fee is refundable in the first month of school if requested by the student

Most candidates in recent memory highlight election

—— E.C.S.U. ——

Disclaimer: Candidates were told that their submissions on these pages would not be edited. We feel that a candidate's writing ability, attention to detail, and ability to understand rules are important skills voters should evaluate when making their decisions. 300 words was the word limit.

President

Hatem Dokainish

HATEM DOKAINISH FOR PRESIDENT

Hatem> Hey Pinky, are you pondering what I'm pondering?

Pinky> Uh, I think so Hatem, but where will we find a duck and a horse at this hour?

Hatem> No Pinky, I was thinking about the ECSU elections that are taking place next week.

Pinky> What position do you plan on running for?

Hatem> President, of course!

Pinky> Can I run too?

Hatem> Of course not! This position requires a lot of dedication and hard work. I've dealt with this sort of thing before. I was Vice President at my high school as well as being Co-Chair of the Budget committee. I'm hoping to do a lot for the students of Erindale. I'm well aware of the concerns of the students with regards to increases in incidental fees and plan to take a hard stance with these issues. The new student center will be available to students next year, and I feel that Erindale needs a strong leader to ensure that this student center fulfills the demands and needs of the students. After all, they did pay for half of it.

Pinky> So what can I do to help?

Hatem> Make sure you come out to vote and spread the word to your friends...and if by any chance you are captured during this mission, remember you are Gunther Heindriksen from Appenzell. You moved to Erindale to drive the cog train to Murren. Can you repeat that?

Pinky> Mmmm, no, I don't think I can.

Hatem> Never mind.

Pinky> Gee, Hatem, what do you want to do tonight?

Hatem> The same thing we do every night, Pinky.

Pinky> Uh, sure, but this time, you wear the tutu.

Pavi Singh Kundhal

I am in my second year of studies at Erindale and am pursuing a double major in biology and economics. I am an ideal candidate for the position of ECSU President as I have taken on numerous leaderships roles including being President of my high-school Student Council; Chairperson of the CNIB-YC; serving on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee and being an active member of various youth organizations.

If I assume office, I plan to bring a fresh and proactive approach to student government. It is the belief of EAP that a student government should not solely administrate but also "instigate". In view of the changing landscape of Canadian industry, the EAP will put into place the "SKILLS FOR THE NEW MILLENIUM" initiative which will work in conjunction with various departments to emphasize and promote the skills Erindale students require to be competitive in the new global economy. Planned initiatives include:

- To create a committee which will work to bring a CO-OP PROGRAM to the college similar to the one available at Scarborough Campus
- Promote Information Technology (IT) by acting as a facilitator between the College and the IT Mississauga business community
- Work to promote THE BIOTECHNOLOGY PROGRAM at the College, allowing Erindale undergraduate science students to gain experience with state of the art equipment
- Encourage all academic departments to create courses which allow students to work in industry to gain practical experience and course credit

Similarly, if elected the Erindale Action Party has committed to taking a substantial SALARY CUT to help create a STUDENT BURSUARY FUND to aid students in financial need. EAP also plans to start an ERINDALE RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT FUND, which will be used to augment current Erindale resources such as INCREASING LIBRARY HOURS during exam periods and increase quiet study areas.

Laurie Schirripa

Experience is ESSENTIAL.

The years of experience I bring to UTM include 5 years on my high school's Student Council, one year on SAC, and one year on ECSU. Having experience made the transition between positions a lot easier. Having been on ECSU this year, I will not experience a wasteful transition period. I'm NOT going to start working for you in the year 2000. I'm going to start working for you NOW

Through ECSU, I have worked with the Administration through participation on many committees including Quality Student Services, Erindale College Council, and various Student Center Committees. I have successfully lobbied for more student representation on committees, and I have succeeded in getting 2 seats on the Student Center Committees.

One of the main problems that students face is the rising costs of education. To help alleviate this, ECSU will introduce a student-owned used bookstore. Students will be able to sell their books on consignment. This means students will be getting more money back when they sell their books, and will have a wider selection of used books available to them. This can possibly be a reality by September 1999.

I plan to put more focus on Academics. Rewriting one or more of the Director's positions will enable ECSU to focus more on evaluating professors and T.A.'s, help establish communication between students and professor's, expand financial aid to students, and help students who are having problems with the Registrar's office. I'd also like to establish a cross-council alliance between all the student organizations.

I am campaigning with Preena Chauhan (VP Admin) and Gilberto Gandra (VP Finance). On March 24 and 25 vote Laurie Schirripa for President. Vote for a council with experience.

Jeremy Wilhelm

My name is Jeremy Wilhelm and I'm a fourth year student studying Philosophy and Political Science. For the last three years of my university career I have been consistently involved in student activities. These experiences range from sitting on a round table panel discussing first year experiences, being a member of the Quality Service to Students group for two years, and being a residence don for two years.

My four years at Erindale have given me an opportunity to develop a well rounded perspective on students and student involvement on this campus. As a student, I feel that there is always a need for an increase in the level of student interest regarding the University and how it functions. As members of this University, we have a right and a responsibility to not only ourselves, but the rest of this campus to see that the needs of all students, both present and future, are looked after in a fair and democratic manner. For this reason, I have chosen to seek election onto the Erindale College Student Union. I seek to maintain and promote a level of student awareness that benefits us as students.

It is difficult to take a hard line on any particular "issue" that might effect students as the issues change from year to year. This difficulty is one reason why it is so important to have a continuous student voice. As an elected representative of the students my role is be part of that voice; to be a liaison between the will of the students and the duties of the administration. As both an experienced student and a student and an active participant in student affairs for three years now I feel I can fulfill that role.

V-P Finance

Andy Baghaei

I am in my second year of a human biology and economics degree. My economics training has prepared me for this office as it has stressed the concepts of cost minimization and effectiveness which are necessary principles for fiscally responsible government. I plan to:

- advocate that budget surpluses generated from residence fees are returned to students in the form of more affordable housing
- decrease ECSU executive salaries substantially to create additional scholarships for students
- Return money to students by using ECSU budget surpluses to reduce ECSU incidental fees
- reduce numerous costs such as mailing expenses and election cost by promoting more effective Internet usage and cooperation between various student organizations such as ECSU and SAC

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Without your support the Erindale Action Party will be unable to put in place these necessary changes to make student services more accessible and affordable. Remember to vote for Andy Baghaei for Vice-President Finance and the ERINDALE ACTION PARTY. For further information check out our web page: eap.am.com

Gilberto Gandra

The VP Finance position is an essential part of a successful ECSU Council. Like any business financial advisor, the VP finance is responsible for deciding where to spend money and where to save it. Gilberto Gandra is presently a member of the Residence Finance Committee and Phase VI Implementation Committee. As a member of the Residence Finance Committee, Gilberto has helped restructure the residence budget. Gilberto has also been a part of the Residence Student Fund, establishing a fund over $100,000 for residence students. Gilberto is also part of the Phase VI Implementation Committee. Here he has helped make money saving decisions on the features of the new Phase VI residence.

Along with devising the ECSU budget, the VP Finance is one of ECSU's executive members. This type of leadership position, is expected to represent the students, the council, and the college. Ensuring administration hears the student voice, and acts on it, is also a role of ECSU's executive members. Gilberto Gandra is currently a Residence Don, and is entirely in touch with the student body. As a Don, Gilberto's experience solving tough house problems will help him keep the council together. As an ECSU executive member, Gilberto is prepared to help lead the council into success.

Gilberto Gandra, a motivated leader, with the experience nescessary to fill the VP Finance position. Gilberto Gandra is currently running with Laurie Schirripa (President) and Preena Chauhan (VP Administration), two experienced council members whom he feels are essential for a bright ECSU future. On March 24th and 25th, Vote Gilberto Gandra for VP Finance. Vote for a council with experience.

VP Administration

Usman Bhatti

Dear *Medium* Readers,

My name is Usman Bhatti, and I am running for VP of Administration.

I am confident that my qualifications make me an ideal candidate for this position. My past experience in retailing and numerous community services has enabled me to deal with different aspects of public relations, individuals of varying ages and background effectively and efficiently.

As the Department Head of Dockside Clothing Co., my responsibilities included scheduling employee hours, setting meetings for various groups within our organization, and voicing employee opinions and suggestions to higher management. As a result, I have acquired ample skills in time management, leadership and interpersonal communication. Many of the tasks performed as Dept. Head are similar to those of the VP of Administration, therefore; I am prepared to take on that aspect of the job.

Through my education, I have acquired sufficient problem solving and writing skills. This combined with my practical experience in an administrative role will be a big asset for ECSU this year.

When elected into office, I will try my level best to voice Erindale students' opinions. With a new Suggestion Box, I will try to get a fair representation of the students' thoughts and concerns, and see that these are heard and addressed at meetings. There are many issues that concern Erindale students, for example Parking Permit price-hikes, not enough funds, lack of study area, these are just a few of many issues. In regards to these particular issues, I will try to stop Parking Permit price-hikes, try to get some corporate sponsors to raise funds, and try to increase study area space.

Feel free to discuss any issues with me, I can be found in the halls of Erindale. A vote for Usman Bhatti is a vote for the people of Erindale,VOTE U.B. FOR VP!

Preena Chauhan

Initiative, drive, spirit, commitment and reliability. This and more are what I have brought to ECSU this past year and intend to continue, if elected VP Administration. My name is Preena Chauhan, currently ECSU's Special Projects Director. Experience on ECSU will ensure continuity and provide guidance, strengthening the council. I have attained leadership skills through my involvement in high school student council and current campus involvement. I have been active and consistent with Quality Service for Students, Erindale College Council, ECSU Advisory Committee and also served as an Orientation Team Leader as a student panelist and tour guide for the campus.

As Special Projects Director I have worked hard to bring you Student Appreciation Days, Blood Donor Clinics, the Annual Ratings of Courses, valentine-o-grams, and the upcoming ECSU Stress Relief Day. However, I have also added to my portfolio such as introducing the Volunteer Committee and the ECSU Advisory Committee. For the first time in years ECSU has finally had an active volunteer group this year, encouraging student involvement. I believe having more students involved with our organization only makes it stronger, generating more ideas and input from the student population.

Polling days for ECSU's election: Wednesday March 24 & Thursday March 25

Some of my objectives for next year, are to ensure that the ARC is available to students when making course selections in July. Goals I would like to accomplish, if elected next year, encompass all aspects of university life; academic, social, community and financial in nature. Revamping the info booth, creating an academic committee and lobbying administration for more bursaries and scholarships are just some of the many ideas that I would like to implement.

Motivation and spirit is something I have in common with Laurie Schirripa for President and Gilberto Gandra for VP Finance, whom I am running with. Vote smart, vote for a Council with Experience.

John Gayle

I am currently in my second year pursuing a degree in Physical/ Forensic Anthropology and Philosophy. Experiences which can attribute to my qualifications for this position include the administrative responsibilities I held with the Canadian Mental Health Association; volunteer positions with the YMCA; and the City of Mississauga.

My primary responsibility will be to make sure that all major aspects of the "SKILLS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM" initiative such as information technology, biotechnology and the strategy for bringing a Co-op program to Erindale are implemented.

Furthermore, I will advocate and ensure that all decisions concerning the Student Centre are in the best interests of the students and are effectively communicated. What's more, efforts will be taken to implement various technologies in the Student Centre to make it a state of the art technological facility.

Also, I will ensure that all aspects of the S.E.A.R.S. (Students Education Accessibility Recreation Safety) platform which include more:

- extended library hours
- more quiet study areas
- increased scholarships funded

through ECSU salary cuts are carried out. In addition, I will be responsible for seeking out contributions from the business community to fund the Erindale Resource Enhancement Fund. This fund will be devoted to augmenting current Erindale College resources to keep them modern and competitive.

Remember to vote for John Gayle for Vice-President Administration and the ERINDALE ACTION PARTY (Pavi Singh Kundhal–Pres.; Andy Baghaei- V P Finance;Fred Amirhoushmand–College Affairs Commissioner; Russell Hamamah–Advertising Director; Stephanie Calce–Clubs Administrator; Paula Nagengast–Special Projects Director; Rose Oliveira–Services Co-ordinator). Now it is up to you to make these changes happen. The only way is to vote for the Erindale Action Party. For further information check out our web page: eap.am.com

College Affairs

Yousuf Ahmed

ECSU still has to go a very long way. I see the college affairs position as being highly responsible for giving ECSU a high profile. The students pay for the protection ECSU gives them; and they deserve the very best.

I graduated from Ryerson with a diploma in Public Administration in '97. Since then I've been pursuing commerce here. I have the credentials as well as the expertise necessary for representing the interests, needs, wants & expectations of the Erindale students.

I will not suck up to the administration just so I could get a letter of recommendation from the dean. I want to see UTM finally operating as a "not-for-profit organization". As a voting member of the council I would be vocal and outspoken about the issues and would encourage ECSU to take any steps necessary to ensure that we don't have to keep on paying more and more for the same quality of education. We the students need an interest group of the students and for the students.

Goals:

- Be accessible to everyone with suggestions and concerns.
- Launch ECSU awareness campaign.
- Demand a parking fee decrease.
- Lobby with SAC and local govt.
- Unite the student body into a cohesive force.
- Ask council for environmental awareness campaign.
- Ensure equality among all.
- Guarantee that the demands of various groups are met (e.g. provision of prayer space, halal/kosher food).
- Encourage corporations to do workshops for entrepreneurial talent.
- See to it that Radio Erindale reaches its objectives of being heard all over the school and get a FM license as soon as possible.
- Help the Radio to become financially independent & fund itself through commercials.
- Ensure that everything goes well with the student center.

Fred Amirhoushmand

I am currently in my third year of studies pursuing a degree in commerce taking courses in economics, accounting and management. I plan to bring a fresh and inclusive approach to my position. It is my feeling that a college affairs commissioner should be someone who is both accessible and approachable, as the position requires insights into what the students feel and want for the college.

My primary initiative for this position is to promote interaction between the student body and the Erindale college business community. The Erindale action party plans to achieve this by creating an ad-hoc committee which will implement a plan to bring a Co-op program to the college. It is my feeling that this is necessary to ensure that Erindale students are competitive in the new global economy, as many universities offer their students such a program. Such an initiative will allow our students to gain experience which in conjunction with the education they receive at the university will make them marketable and employable.

I will also strive to elevate the status of the radio station at the college by ensuring proper management practises are in place to ensure that the students money is used in the most efficient way. At the same time I am open to any suggestions about alternative uses of the money allocated to the radio station because I am a firm believer that student leaders should be open to hearing new ideas.

I also plan to try to put in place a more affordable telephone service for residence students, as I am quite aware of the financial burdens they experience living away from home.

Now it is up to you to make these changes happen. Vote for the Erindale Action Party.

Lisa Capobianco

Dear students of Erindale College. I am very happy to take this opportunity to inform you, the student body, about who I am, and what I would like to do.

I am an enthusiastic second year student, running for College Affairs Commissioner. I am running for this position because I would like to be more involved with extra curricular activities in and around Erindale.

One of my commitments would be to look after ECSU-Radio Erindale, and I would like to make sure it is more recognized throughout our community. I am prepared to look after the best interests of every full-time, undergraduate student at Erindale. I believe the Mississauga community should be more informed about matters going on in Erindale, and vice versa. I am an open minded person, and will always be willing to listening to peoples ideas and concerns involving student affairs. I feel that I am a good candidate to represent Erindale in these matters, because I am a very hard working individual, wanting to make a difference. Thank you for your time, Lisa Capobianco.

Clubs Administrator

Stephanie Calce

I am currently a first year student pursuing a double major in psychology and biology. My objective is to provide students with an abundance of information regarding the different types of clubs offered at Erindale. I will encourage all clubs to take advantage of "Information Technology" workshops which I will organize to assist clubs in posting web sites. This will allow their membership to have 24 hour access to current information.

I also plan to promote the involvement of students in clubs so that they can enjoy a fun and healthy university experience. In addition I plan to increase clubs funding by allocating some of the money saved from the planned ECSU salary to them .

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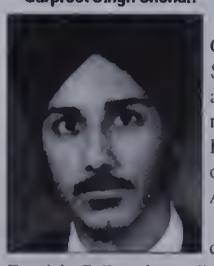
Gurpreet Singh Chohan

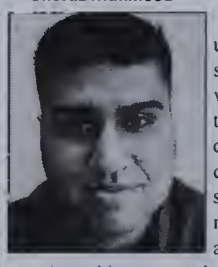


My name is Gurpreet Singh Chohan and I am running for the ECSU position of Clubs Administrator.

When I came to Erindale College I was disappointed to see that the school spirit I once experienced in high school was lacking at UTM. AT first I said "who cares," but after thinking about it I realized change is necessary. What attributes do I have that make myself distinct from other candidates? I am an individual who will speak his mind and without reservation stand for issues I feel are honourable. Through my experiences I have learned that unity requires good leadership. I will fulfill this requirement as I have had formal leadership training at the Ontario Educational Leadership Centre and have taken the Rhos-y-gwalia leadership course in the United Kingdom. I hope to achieve this unity by promoting the interests of the student body, and mediating any disputes that may surface between the various clubs operating within the college.

In order to establish unity at Erindale, we must integrate the ideas and opinions of everyone. Increasing the understanding of differences between people is also a mandatory step that must be undertaken to achieve this goal. It is my opinion that the clubs at Erindale are too segregated and oblivious of one another. This must be changed in order to re-establish pride. Any candidate can address problems, but working towards a formidable solution is how change occurs. I Know that I can make a difference. It is for you to decide whether I am what is needed.

Sheraz Mahmood



For the upcoming school year, with the move to the student center, our clubs at school will need more attention then ever in making our student center a place that will fulfill the wants and needs of the students.

This is also very important to new executives of their respective clubs for next year because all the clubs will face new challenges in the change over to the new student center.

I am running for Clubs Administrator because I have the experience necessary to help clubs to better themselves next year. Here is my track record to prove that:

1. Being an executive of the Pakistani Students Association for the past two Years (Director of Finance and Vice-President).

2. Helping PSA becoming the THIRD largest club and one of the most recognized clubs on Erindale campus.

3. Hard work and dedication to work with others (i.e. ECSU, PSA executives, joint events with other clubs such as the Muslim Students Association, working with other PSA's from different universities to have a joint dinner event).

4. Member of the Board of Directors on *The Medium*.

I know what is required from clubs in order for them to become successful, and I can pass my experiences and expertise on to the returning clubs or any other new clubs that will be formed for the school year of 1999-2000. For people who do not know me, I am a very approachable, so do not hesitate to ask me any questions or forward any concerns you may have.

MY GOAL: To get to know all the clubs executives next year and to be able to work as a group in helping students make the new student center one of the better places in enjoying their time at UTM.

Grace Subrata

A second-year English Specialist, I'm Features Editor of *The Medium*, Founder and President of the UTM Pre-Law Society, Co-founder and Co-chair of the Muse, Vice President of Fulfilling Dreams, member of the Dean's Advisory Group for Diversity, and Columnist for www.utmstudents.org.

I've held positions as Director without portfolio, Newsletter editor and deejay for Radio Erindale, Advisory Council member and volunteer for ECSU, and Chair of the Medium II Publications Board of Directors.

I will serve on next year's Governing Council and the Hart House Library Committee.

If elected, I will work for harmony among clubs. I will hold campus wide club events each month, and will incorporate a more extensive club executive workshop series at the beginning of the academic year that will last eight weeks, with a workshop each week. After this chunk of workshops, I will attempt to hold ongoing workshops throughout the year.

I will encourage diversity among clubs by making Diversity week a larger event and gaining more support from clubs. I will attempt to incorporate the Dean's Advisory Group for Diversity meetings with Green Committee meetings to eliminate overlap of discussion.

I also plan to start a monthly newsletter where club events and issues are communicated. This will encourage club information sharing thus increasing awareness.

Change will be important next year. With the move to the student centre, allotment of club offices is a major issue. Since there are not enough offices for each club, clubs should share offices so that all clubs receive some office space.

There is presently only one club recognition category. Clubs require a one-dollar membership fee and annual elections. Some clubs do not operate well with a fee or elections. I will try to create a second club recognition category to encourage diversity.

Harmony. Diversity. Awareness. Change. It's about time.

Advertising

Carmen Ali

I, Carmen Ali, am running for the position of advertising director. I have been actively involved with frosh week and blue crew since I started at UTM in 1996. This year I served as a member of the board of directors for SAC as an Erindale representative. I was a member of the promotions commission and the elections committee. I have learned a lot this year about student council and I feel that this experience will help me in the advertising position.

As advertising director I would like to continue to expand student awareness and involvement by creating a display of pictures of past ECSU events. This display would be in the window of the ECSU office in the new Student Center and it would be updated on a monthly basis.

I would like to create an information resource center in the ECSU office to advertise the services available for students at U of T, both at Erindale and at St. George. I would also like to explore the option of a bulletin board in the Kaneff Center, as it is currently without one.

I believe that communication and cooperation between councils is crucial for the increase in student involvement. As advertising director, I feel that I can further encourage student participation and make a difference in the experience that students receive at UTM.

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Russel Hamarnah

I am in my second year of studies pursuing a double major in chemistry and applied mathematics.

Relevant experience which makes me an ideal candidate for this position include advertising in retail and promotion of various social events such as club parties and weddings.

In accordance, with the "Skills for the New Millennium" initiative, I will make endeavours to promote advertising with emphasis placed on information technology. What's more, every effort will be taken to minimize the cost of advertising without sacrificing effectiveness.

Similarly, I will strive to make better use of the advertising space ECSU places in *The Medium*, to ensure the optimal exposure for ECSU events and initiatives.

Likewise, I will take a more proactive approach to make students aware of the opportunities available to them such as jobs, research positions and work placements in addition to social events such as pub nights.

It is the belief of the Erindale Action Party (Pavi Singh Kundhal –Pres.; Andy Baghaei, VP Finance; John Gayle–V.P. Admin; Fred Amirhoushmand–College Affairs Commissioner; Stephanie Calce–Clubs Administrator; Paula Nagengast–Special Projects Director; Rose Oliveira–Services Co-ordinator) that effective advertising is essential for a vibrant student body.

Now it is up to you to make these changes happen. The only way is to vote for the Erindale Action Party.

For further information check out our web page: eap.am.com

Services

Andrea Civichino

Hello UTM! My name is Andrea Civichino and I want to be your Service Coordinator for the 1999-2000 school year.

I am presently the Marketing Director for Radio Erindale. If you enjoyed "Pub Is Raw" and "Hockey Night at The BDP", there are more ideas where those came from!

My responsibilities at Radio Erindale include organizing events, promoting the Radio Station on campus, and obtaining concert tickets and giveaways for events. I have composed a contact list and have established a relationship with many businesses within the music industry and community.

As Service Coordinator, having contacts will benefit my role especially during Frosh week. This will allow me to focus on other events around campus.

Sharing an office with ECSU this year has given me the opportunity to work with ECSU members. I have become accustomed with their daily responsibilities. I have become familiar with the current Service Coordinator's role and believe that the position can be utilized more, rather than just for the planning of Frosh Week, Oktoberfest and Graduation.

If elected, I plan to start organizing events immediately, and focusing on obtaining sponsorships for both this September and for the following year, and developing a relationship with local businesses so that we can obtain free food and gifts for students.

Frosh week has been successful in the past and I would like to continue the tradition, perhaps by adding some new events and implementing fresh ideas. I would like to start contacting sponsorship for Frosh Week at an earlier date and incorporate a variety of events. I would like to keep the visit to Centre Island during Frosh Week, as it has been very successful over the past few years, and change the format of events that haven't been as popular. Working together with UTM, vote Andrea Civichino!

Rose Oliveira

I am currently in my second year of studies pursuing a biology specialist degree. Experiences which make me well suited for this position include a managerial position I currently hold for a small business; serving on my highschool grad council; and organizing various charitable events for my local church group.

During campaign week, a survey I have compiled will be distributed to students to see what typed of special events they would like to see held at the College. Input will be sought to make events such as fresh week more eventful and exciting. All efforts will be taken to elevate the status of the pub at the college, to make a recreational activity accessible to all students.

Furthermore, I will strive to provide all events in the most economical manner to maximize the number of students which can participate. This will be achieved by seeking out additional corporate sponsorship and co-ordinating costs with various student groups.

The Erindale Action Party (Pavi Singh Kundhal–Pres.; Andy Baghaei, VP Finance; John Gayle–VP Admin; Fred Amirhoushmand–College Affairs Commissioner; Russell Hamarnah–Advertising Director; Stephanie Calce–Clubs Administrator; Paula Nagengast–Special Projects Director) firmly believes that all events should be accessible and affordable for ALL Erindale students.

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Special Projects

Paula Nagengast

I am a second year science student with extensive management and leadership experience.

My primary objective this year is to ensure that the academic anti-calendar which rates instructors and courses will be made available to students before they select their courses to ensure they make informed decisions.

Furthermore in promoting the SKILLS FOR THE MILLENNIUM initiative I plan to make the calendar available over the Internet to cut costs and increase accessibility of this information.

Another major initiative I plan to pursue is to increase the awareness of opting-out incidental fees students pay at beginning of the year. Many students are unaware of such an option and pay for services which they do not utilize such as the SAC drug plan.

I will organize an awareness campaign to make students educated about the options available to them.

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Steven Pontet

Hi my name is Steven Pontet, so that is the name to vote for on March 24rd and 25th.

I am running for the position of Special Projects on ECSU. I feel that I am the candidate for this position due to my experience, initiative, responsibility, innovative ideas, and good looks. (Some may agree with the last one?) I have a great sense of school spirit, for I have been involved in and have run many spirited events at UTM.

My experience stems from being a SAC director for one year, than leading to the SAC Erindale Chair position the following year. In these years I have run many events such as two sold out concerts (Big Sugar and Gandharvas), spirit weeks, speaker series, Blue Crew events, student apprieciation days and the list goes on.

If you want someone who knows what their doing and that will get things done, then vote for me. Keep the spirit alive vote STEVEN PONTET for Special Projects.

Polling days for ECSU's election:
Wednesday March 24 & Thursday March 25

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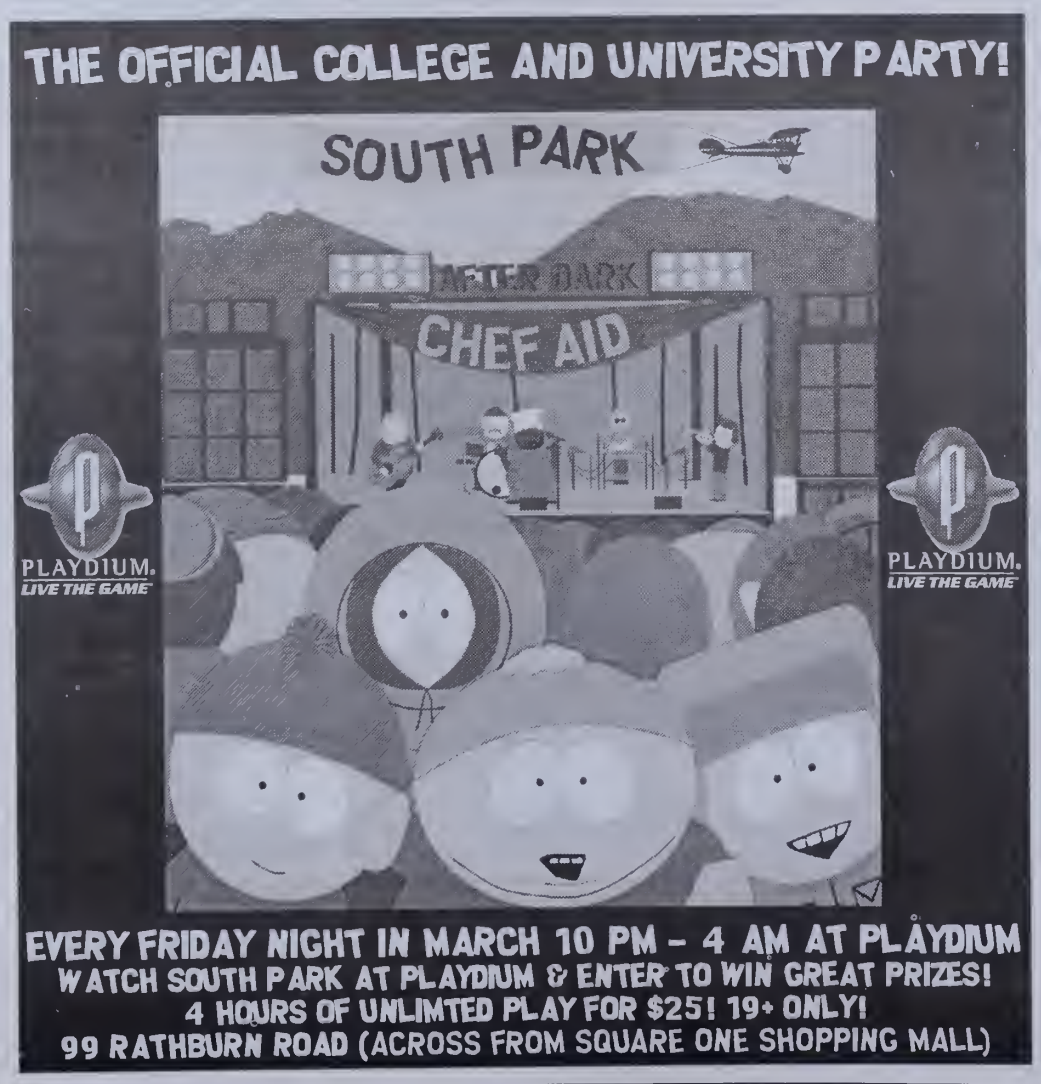
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ELECTIONS

THE MEDIUM

Positions available: Editor-in-chief, News Editor, Arts & Entertainment Editor, Sports Editor, Features Editor, Photography Editor, Composite Editor.

The application period is now open for positions on the Editorial Board of the 26th volume of *The Medium* for the 1999-2000 school year. Any interested Erindale student–regardless of experience with us–should pick up an application package at *The Medium* office (North Building, room C111). Deadline for application: **Monday March 15 at noon**.

A Candidates' Forum will be held **Thursday March 18 at noon** in the *The Medium*'s office. All applicants **must** attend to make a short speech about their abilities and plans for their section, and answer questions from staff. The election will be held **Thursday March 25 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.**

Positions available: 5 Board of Directors positions.

The nomination period is now open for positions on Medium II Publications Board of Directors. Medium II Publications oversees *The Medium*'s legal and financial affairs. Any full-time Erindale student may run. Pick up a nomination form at *The Medium* office, C111 North Building. Deadline for application: **Monday March 15 at noon.** The election will be held **Thursday April 1 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.**

Vote for directors, president and vp

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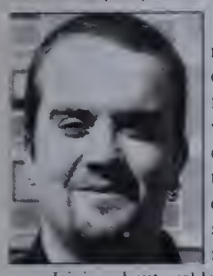
Presidential Tickets

Matt Lenner (Prez) and Paul Kutasi (VP)



Throughout my tenure at U of T, I have felt that SAC was never doing enough to help students. SAC spends too much time complaining about problems. My general philosophy is to actually solve problems, not to whine about them.

That is why I decided to get out and change SAC by running for President.

My name is Matt Lenner, along with my Erindale running mate, Paul Kutasi, we will ensure that students' problems will be solved.

The biggest issue facing students is the rising cost of university. To help solve this problem, a new SAC bursary fund will be created. The fund will increase from the current $2,500 to $60,000–partly funded by a presidential and vice-presidential pay cut. The fund will help those in community who are in dire financial need. In addition, we will tirelessly lobby the university administration and the government about high tuition costs.

Diversity is a major issue at U of T. We will create a Council of Diversity, where SAC will meet with diverse members of the community. It will be an opportunity to address problems, to network ideas and to work together to help bring the U of T community closer

Another major concern with students is the health and dental plan. We will make it easier to opt out of and more effective by hiring a full-time health services coordinator to deal with student concerns.

Many believe that SAC is irrelevant to students We will change that by making SAC a positive force in student life at U of T Through better events, increased campus co-operation and more communication, we will make SAC relevant to all students.

If you want to have a student council that will actually make a difference, vote for Matt and Paul

My name is Paul Kutasi, and I am running for SAC Vice President, along with Matt Lenner Together, we can best serve the interests of students of the University of Toronto and UTM As a member of SAC Erindale, I have served your interests on SAC on many issues, such as punishing downtown SAC executive members who failed to come to Erindale. I have also been an active member in Erindale; participating in various sports and clubs here. For too long Erindale has been ignored. As an Erindale student, I will provide a strong voice for you at SAC.

A few of our UTM plans are: lobbying the administration to find adequate study space for the future, assisting the current SAC board to lobby for a student-run convenience store in the new Student Center, and reinstituting the Council of Presidents. The Council of Presidents will allow SAC to network with groups like ECSU to address issues and lobby the UTM administration on your behalf.

We feel that communication between students and SAC is important. If you vote for us, we are going to increase communication dramatically. For instance, we will start a comprehensive website with extensive SAC events and a page to show what we have done, which will make us accountable to our mandate.

If you look at our policies, you will see a platform that is cogent, reasonable, and achievable. Our policies will affect everyone in a good way. For example, our bursary fund will help those in financial need, and the new Council of Diversity will help address diverse issues and foster a network within the community. We will also make the health and dental plan easier to opt-out of and more effective.

If you want intelligent government for intelligent people, vote for Matt and Paul.

Edward Rusek (Prez) and Rula Radie (VP)

To serve and represent the full-time undergraduate students of the University of Toronto in order to ensure the best possible undergraduate education and experience.–SAC mission statement

I believe that SAC should embody this statement and that the president should reflect this mission. I am Edward Rusek and I promise to be such a president. Together with my running mate Rula Radie, your Board of Directors, and student input, I will fulfil my promise. My platform: service and representation.

As members of the current BOD, both Rula and I are well-versed in SAC services and methods to properly provide them. These can be achieved through a cohesive BOD and excellent staff-Director relations. I promise to ensure an efficient Council to better serve the students

Such a Council is powerless without student involvement. SAC exists to serve student interests, yet few realize the extent of this service. Most recognize the Council's role in the Health and Dental Insurance Plan–and the insufficient opt-out advertising–but little else. This situation must be alleviated.

Rula and I will make ourselves available to students for comments or concerns on a regular basis in prominent locations on all campuses.

We will hold regular conferences with UofT newspapers to answer questions and publicize our activities.

We will have definite office hours and will fulfil them, leaving the door open to anyone who wishes to meet with us.

In-depth solutions will require effective advertising, not merely increased ad funding. Better coverage of SAC events through the UofT media and other channels is paramount.

Increased student involvement in SAC will forge a united front on student issues. With your help, I promise to well represent all UofT students. Rather than SAC speaking as one voice for 30,000 students, 30,000 student voices will speak as one.

Rula Radie

Like my running partner, Edward Rusek, I feel that service to the students and representation of the students at the University of Toronto, should be high on the agenda of the Student's Administrative Council. My name is Rula Radie, and I am hoping to be your elected Vice-President.

As an international student myself, I recognise the difficulties in assimilation into the University community. However, having spent my four years of highschool on four different continents, I feel that my travel experience has equiped me well with the tools necessary to communicate effectively with all members of this culturally diverse campus. Effective communication is the first step towards administering to the needs of the students, and that is precisely what Ed and I would like to do next year.

I served with Ed this year on the SAC Board of Directors, and I understand well the challenges facing any student government. I was a member of the Clubs Commission, which gave me an opportunity to help the many cultural and academic clubs on all three campuses.

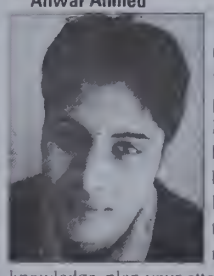
Being also a student enrolled at a sub-urban campus, I have first-hand knowledge as to the unique difficulties facing other students both at Scarborough and Mississauga. I intend to continue the work of Andrea Moffatt, this year's Vice-President, in allowing for fair representation of the sub-urban campuses.

My volunteer work at the Women's Centre has also allowed me to work with the organisers of the Space Campaign. Naturally one of the most pressing concern for students (especially now that exams are fast approaching) is the need for study space. I feel that this is one of many issues that ought to be addressed by SAC, and I would like to continue doing so.

If you would like to find out more about myself and Ed

SAC Directors, (Erindale)

Anwar Ahmed

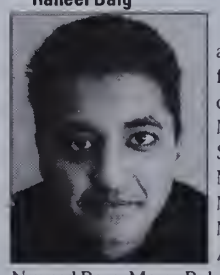


There are two ways in which to complete a task. 1. Engage and hope for the best & 2. Prepare, through experience and knowledge, plan your attack and persist until complete satisfaction is attained. The latter, is how I prefer to operate, serving on the SAC board this year gave me the experience & knowledge that the majority of my opposition lacks.

I am a second year Commerce student at Erindale and take academics as seriously as my duties as a Director. If elected, I plan to extend opt-out periods for the Medical & Dental plan, commit to decrease the increasing parking fees on campus, organize more charitable events @ Erindale, prepare for joint photocopying services with ECSU (avoid running out of paper, extend availability), make the SAC Erindale office more accessible to all students.

These objectives are a result of the feedback received from serving Erindale students throughout the year. Next year will construct a new student body with alternative demands, I plan to open the lines of communication between SAC and the student body, so that my platform may accurately reflect the shifting attitudes and needs of students. The Students' Administrative Council for the University of Toronto is a governing body that represents approximately 30,000 full-time under-grads including all three campuses of the University. I will make sure that that the voices of Erindale are heard at meetings traditionally dominated by the agenda of downtown campuses. When making your decision, be aware that a catchy campaign slogan or a flashy poster isn't always an indication of ability. Choose experience, choose ability, choose honesty, choose responsibly.....Choose ANWAR.

Raheel Baig



Director along with my fellow candidates: from the NSO–the New SAC Order. My fellow NSO members, Nilay Mehta, Alia Mirza, Naweed Raza, Marco Roberto, Ryan War as well as myself, Raheel Baig hope to bring about beneficial change Students of UTM.

I am a second year science student and hope to be elected as your SAC Erindale to Erindale. I believe I am a great candidate for SAC director as I have many outstanding qualifications, which makes me suitable for this position. The most apparent characteristic trait would be my social skills. This makes me a great participant because I can relate to the students wants and needs. Keep in mind, SAC is for the students, and electing a social person, such as myself, will enforce this. I will have a broader view of student opinions and thoughts. I will be sure to act only in the best interest of the students.

If elected for SAC director, we plan to improve the SAC in terms of participation at Erindale, as well as the accessibility of various services to students at UTM.

The main concern I personally have with SAC right now is their lack of participation. Students don't really know what SAC does, and some students are not sure what SAC is. I believe this to be totally absurd since our tuition pays for these SAC privileges. If elected as your SAC director, my fellow NSO members and I will ensure better usage of your student funds; we will utilize the money to benefit the students and school as much as possible. Students want more than mere photocopying privileges from their SAC. We want to make the SAC provide more important services that just that. So Remember, vote for NSO for you SAC directors.

Louisa Budzinski

What is something we all want, but there's never enough of?–time– What is something we all need, but is impossible to get at this time of year?–more sleep– What do we all wish we had, but without working for it?–money– With me, LOUISA BUDZINSKI, as your SAC Director in 1999-2000, I will fulfill your wants, needs, and wishes, while saving you time, sleep, and money. For a new level of student-directed activities, a louder voice for the student body, more events, and future amendments that will only make university life better, vote LOUISA BUDZINSKI on March 23rd and 24th. WELCOME TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

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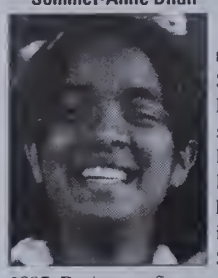
Sommer-Anne Dhun



Hi! My name is Sommer-Anne Dhun. I'm a second year Psychology Major and I have been involved with SAC since 1997. During my first year at SAC I was the Administrative Assistant.

I administered the SAC health Plan and carried out "opt-out procedures". During my second year at SAC, I was elected by the students of Erindale to the Board of Directors. Also, I was elected as Promotions Commissioner for S.A.C, our downtown campus student body. This executive experience has prepared me to effectively represent students' needs and views.

I have worked diligently with other councils on campus to create unity around the university. I was very privileged to be an executive on SAC and extremely proud to have represented Erindale on the Council.

I am running for SAC because I am interested in issues that affect students' such as:

1) the rising cost of education (i.e.) tuition increases

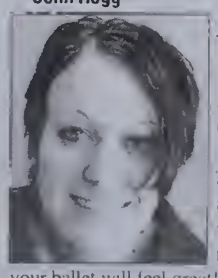
2) ensuring this university creates an environment where all students are treated equal

3) providing a strong voice for Erindale students' downtown.

I am experienced, energetic, and creative.

If you want S"o"mmer all year round at SAC, VOTE Sommer DHUN!!!

Jenn Hogg



Some things just feel right! Vote Jenn Hogg for S.A.C. director.

My energy and great ideas are the reasons why writing my name on your ballet will feel great! The choice is so simple, vote for me!!

Nilay Mehta

I am a second year science student, and am part of the New SAC Order (NSO). My name is Nilay Mehta and my fellow NSO candidates (Naweed Raza, Ryan War, Raheel Baig, Alia Mirza, and Marco Roberto) and I hope to be elected as your SAC Directors at Erindale.

I am fully capable of all the responsibilities and duties involved in being an SAC Director. In my final year of high school, I served as a SAC executive and helped in the planning and organization of many events. I have also been an active participant in many of the school's activities. My fellow candidates of the NSO and I have spent a lot of time organizing a means by which we can make UTM a more enjoyable experience for all students.

Some of the few things that we have considered to focus on the year to come include:

- being more accessible to students

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and their needs

• being more accountable to staff and students

• increasing the level of technology at UTM by supporting the goals set by the Erindale Action Party (EAP)

• as well as promoting the safety of students at UTM

With regards to our pre-election agendas, the NSO has organized a FREE campaign party inside the ELBOW ROOM tonight, Monday, March 15/99 beginning at 8:00pm. For further information, questions, suggestion, or comments, regarding NSO, please contact us at NewSACOrder@hotmail.com

Alia Mirza

A New SAC Order (NSO) is what Erindale needs for the new millennium, and I Alia Mirza am a member of this party. My fellow NSO members (Marco Roberto, Nilay Mehta, Naweed Raza, Raheel Baig, and Ryan War) and I, believe that it is very important, and a priority for us to take an initiative and find out what students want or not, and then working on this information. Being accessible and open to your ideas is a priority for us. We intend to:

• give FREE computer printing

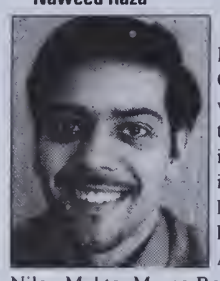
• create an accessible student directory for UTM

• solve the problem regarding the management and operations of Radio Erindale with your decision

• as well as provide students with day to day services, such as providing students with a database of old tests and exams.

These are only some of the changes that we plan to offer. Not only do I have the confidence and leadership skills necessary for this position, but I have experience as well. I have been actively involved in the community , organizing and running charity events such as "Walk For a Cure." I have also developed interpersonal skills needed to understand and relate to people. Cohesively working with the Erindale Action Party (EAP), NSO plans to provide a university environment that supports the best interests of the students. We are all looking forward to a new Student Centre, the NSO, and finally, the new millennium!

Naweed Raza



NSO, a New SAC Order. This is what we hope to establish in the upcoming year. Ryan War, Raheel Baig, Alia Mirza, Nilay Mehta, Marco Roberto, and myself, Naweed Raza hope to be your elected SAC Directors for the new millennium. As an organized group, we have made many plans with regards to what SAC at Erindale will do for YOU. As a SAC director, it is very important to represent the Erindale community in a dignified way. We also believe that it is important that Erindale students have a say as to what they want SAC to do for them!

We intend to:

• allow the students to have the option of whether to keep Radio Erindale

• cut the amount of money allocated to the station manager and use it to increase the quality of Radio Erindale, in the case of a majority for it

• let the students decide on how to allocate the money in the case of a majority against it

• increase accountability to the students as being Directors of SAC

• increase accessibility of services to Erindale students

The Erindale Action Party (EAP) plans to make our campus more technologically advanced by introducing information technology. This is very important seeing how we are moving into an age of computers and technology. We, the NSO, are in favour of this change and will support EAP in their mission. I feel that the members in my party, as well as myself are most qualified for this. Having been involved in the SAC in high school, as well as having been involved in coaching, and teaching, I feel that I have developed many skills as a leader. Remember that change can only happen through you, so for a real change in your university experience, vote NSO.

Marco Roberto

Dear fellow students, I am very pleased and honored to be taking this opportunity to express my desire to become a SAC director along with a few other candidates called the NSO–New SAC Order.

We hope to be able to bring you a SAC at Erindale that will give proper representation and voice the opinions of Erindale students as a whole. It is to my belief that the best people to do this job are those in the New SAC Order (Alia Mirza, Naweed Raza, Ryan War, Raheel Baig, Nilay Mehta, and myself Marco Roberto). In the last two years I have been a student at Erindale and I truly am happy being a part of this wonderful place.

We in the NSO have a very strong goal in mind, and that is to work very hard towards serving the undergraduate students. I posses many personal experiences that I feel qualifies me to serve and represent the full-time undergraduate students of the University of Toronto. I have organized and established many social events that were nothing short of being spectacular. I have and still work in various forms of part time employment where I deal with the public and understand the daily challenges of life. I have never been afraid to take a stand in what I believe in and have always walked the path of truth, faith, and working hard for this amazing gift called life.

As being a part of NSO, we hope to establish an environment where there is accessibility to the students, and accountability on our part. Our goal is to serve YOU. So on the 23rd and 24th of March, please don't forget to vote for those that will truly make a difference and change your learning experience. Vote for NSO.

Rick Scavetta

If you've taken the time to read these campaign tidbits, you're probably also quite informed and/or active on campus; and also aware of some of the basic issues inherent to UTM.

Some back ground: I've served as a SAC UTM director this past year and am seeking re-election in my third year. One of my fundamental concerns this past year was that student dollars are not being spent properly/wisely from Radio Erindale ($4.00 from each full time student).

I lobbied vigorously to give the UTM student population the option to continue to fund the dwindling station or redirect the money to more important causes, i.e. the Women's Centre, which is in dire need of funding, and a Positive Space on campus for sexual diversity. This has culminated in a referendum question excluding the Radio Station and the chance to support the Women's Centre and a Sexual Education centre with $2.00 each.

The gaps in communication between the St. George SAC rep.'s and their UTM counter parts has become quite evident in this procedure; as such, it is imperative that members with experience, who are familiar with our campus are voted on the board next year. This will ensure that these issues are addressed with confidence and efficiency. I will continue to pursue this issue further next year.

Another goal I have is to establish a University wide, student organized educational campaign focused on equity issues. I served on the equity issues commission this past year organizing events with various organizations. I would like to see SAC focus on education vs. remembrance in the next year. It is imperative that students know the issues of racism, homophobia, sexism, and ableism; these are only tips of the oppression iceberg that need to be addressed. Hope to see you at the voting stations!

Yasin Ozturk

Hello, my name is Yasin Ozturk. This is my first time running for SAC. I'm a second year student at UTM majoring in Political Science and Philosophy.

Over the past few weeks I have been trying to persuade people to vote for me and I keep getting asked, mostly sarcastically, what the major concerns of my platform are. I usually reply typically political by answering them with a question, something like, "what is it you're concerned about that I can help with?" The funny thing is, as many times as I haven't given anyone a straight answer, I haven't received one back. Could you give a straight answer?

I don't want anyone to think this rhetorical exchange is as far as my political talents reach, though. I am running for a position on SAC because I can, I have that right. It isn't a terribly sexy answer, but I think it's a good one. I am concerned with St. George SAC members dictating the UTM students' right to vote on UTM issues, as they did earlier this year. I am concerned with the efficiency of the election process I was subject to, having my SAC nomination voided due to an oversight by the elections committee. Bringing it to their attention, you bet I was placed back on the ballot baby.

These issues may not turn you on a whole lot but that doesn't make them go away. Sometimes invisible on the surface, small problems cause much discomfort. Let me try to make you more comfortable, on March 23/24, vote YASIN OZTURK for SAC 99/00... Because paper cuts hurt.

Ryan War

As a third year student at UTM, I have noticed a lack of participation and involvement of the SAC.

Most students do not know what the SAC does; even where they are currently located within the school. My goal is to interact with students, and listen to what they want to see accomplished in the school.

What things they would like changed, kept, or eliminated? My fellow candidates Nilay Mehta, Alia Mirza, Marco Roberto, Naweed Raza, and Raheel Baig of the NSO–the New SAC Order–plan to significantly represent UTM within the whole University of Toronto framework. Our goals are to:

• increase SAC awareness at UTM

• support the Erindale Action Party in their mission to improve the information technology facilities at Erindale

• increase the amount of student services available to students at UTM

• create facilities to aid graduating, and first year students in their transitions

So on March 23rd and 24th, remember to vote for myself Ryan War and for my fellow friends of the NSO.

Polling days for SAC's election:

Tuesday March 23 & Wednesday March 24

Disclaimer: Candidates were told that their submissions on these pages would not be edited. We feel that a candidate's writing ability, attention to detail, and ability to understand rules are important skills voters should evaluate when making their decisions. 300 words was the word limit.

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Sheridan

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Wing Commander crashes and burns

I think it's about time I reveal my top five worst films ever. In no particular order, I would place *Johnny Mnemonic*, *Spawn*, *Sleepaway Camp*, and *Mortal Kombat: Annihilation* on the list. What's that, you ask? Only four films? That's correct, as I must make room for the newest entry, *Wing Commander*.

FILM/REVIEW

BY RICHIE MEHTA

Wing Commander is the spawn, if you will, of director Chris Roberts, who created the best-selling video game on which it is based. The film is testimonial proof (after *Mortal Kombat II*) that video games belong in the world of pixels and joysticks, not celluloid and projectors.

The plot of the film takes its unfortunate viewers to the year 2564, and even as David Arnold's over-dramatic and self-centered score blasts in the prologue (think ID4) while the history of Earth and its intergalactic dealings are revealed, one knows that their life, for the next ninety minutes, is over.

From what I was able to gather of the plot, Earth is threatened by the vicious Kilrathi (a species of walking cats with about half the intelligence of hub-caps), who have stolen a navigational-computer, giving them the ability to "jump" into Earth's space, and kill everything. Why? Because they are cats. Mean cats.

Enter fly-boys Blair (Freddie Prinze Jr.) and Maniac (Matthew Lillard), friends from the academy, who, along with their freighter captain, Paladin (Tchéky Karyo, the only character in the film to show a glimpse of humanity) must warn the proper officials about the Kilrathi's imminent attack. How they would stop them is incomprehensible, as are the rules and laws of the *Wing Commander* universe. Whereas *Star Wars* and *Star Trek* make clear the boundaries and conventions of their universes, *Wing Commander's* techno-jargon is a confused amalgamation of everything sci-fi from the past 50 years. Ultimately, I gave up trying to figure out how things happened; I focused instead on what was happening. However, this search for any sort of cohesiveness was futile.

Throughout the game, uh, film, there were lots of mediocre dog-fight action scenes, too much techno-babble about quasars and navi-computers, and there was even the mention of a lost race, the "pilgrims," who had the ability to navigate through space without computers, using their intuition and sense of the fabric of space to move about. Some would call it The Force, but that would be a copyright infringement. Of course, Blair's legendary parents left him with this "gift," and he can feel his way through space, making him "the best star-fighter in the galaxy."

The problem with *Wing Commander* is that it comes from the "interactive movie" genre of video games, and it belongs there. It was meant to be played, not watched. As soon as it transcends the level of video games to become a feature motion-picture, it enters the world of film art. Calling this movie art is like calling viscious cat-people fun to watch. And fun is something you won't have if you venture into *Wing Commander*. It may have great playability, but in a theatre, that doesn't help much.

By the way, for you enthusiasts, the second, and final, *Star Wars: Episode I* trailer is playing with *Wing Commander*. Do what you must to see this jiz-worthy commercial, but leave after that. Heed my warnings.

photo/Twentieth Century Fox

Cry all you want Freddie, the film is doomed: Freddie Prinze Jr. and Matthew Lillard star in *Wing Commander*.

Hart House art competition 1999: somewhere between art and fart

When most Erindale students walk past the Hart House bulletin board in the South Building, they are sometimes forced to look twice as the words "Hart House" often look a little too much like "Fart House."

FINE/ART/REVIEW

BY JENNIFER MATOTEK

But Hart House is not just a house of farts–each year it holds an annual art competition, chock-full of fun and exciting cash prizes. And each year, students from all University of Toronto campuses enter their best work. This year, a little bit of the good and the bad was chosen to represent the supposed "best" art work of the year.

Jurors chose a great deal of Erindale works. All of the UTM works in the show were finely crafted, conceptualized, and represented. Notable were the works of Rogelio Briseno, whose untitled triptych of Grandpa Simpson was a humorous and well-manipulated series of images. Briseno's untitled diptych of a queer, buddha-esque, androgynous figure was deliciously creepy as well. Laura De Decker's compartmentalized "Cookie" on canvas was well-articulated with a great sense of colour. Sadly, Monique Pallcowski's "Living Gown," a 5'5' sculpture devised out of moss and flowers was not displayed in the gallery, as it would have begun to rot. It's truly shameful that this piece was not awarded any prizes for its elegant craftsmanship and concept.

First prize went to Takashi Okamoto's "Beauty Queen," "Joanie," and "Cowboy"–a series of digitally compiled images on canvas. While the aesthetic handling of these pieces made them compelling to view, their references to popular culture were humorous but questionable as subject matter. Ian Ross McDonald's acrylic painting on canvas, entitled "Stranded," featuring a cute little tin man in a suit, won second prize. This painting was compelling for its style, subject matter, and endearing mood. Third prize

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3. NAME ALL 6 UTM SAC DIRECTORS.
4. OF ALL THE 6 UTM DIRECTORS WHO IS THE HOTTEST?

Good luck to class of '99

After years of toiling in the bowels of Sheridan College and the wood shop, and coping with a plethora of critiques, the graduating Art and Art History class of 1999 has finally opened the first of four graduating shows at Blackwood Gallery in the Kaneff Centre.

FINE/ART/REVIEW

BY RICHIE MEHTA

The first show consists of Shannon O'Brien, Laurie Kallis, Judith McEwen, Caroline Marshall, and Erin Finley.

In speaking to some of the artists, I received a first-hand account of what their art meant to them. A culmination of formal training in design and composition, as well as personal growth and development over the last few years, the show, if nothing else, is a starting point of sorts–a place where our future artists, curators, and art historians will begin their ascent to successful careers.

The show features a wide range of media, including fabric, wood, glass, plaster, and ink drawings.

Shannon O'Brien's "Prayer," a white dress surrounded by a circular island of cloth, used its materials very carefully to create the idea of maintaining viewer distance from the piece, almost as a literal protection from the outside world. The artist herself described the piece, and its accompaniment, "Kissed So Hard," (a dress made of army blankets), as more of an experience than an addition to her wardrobe. "I wanted to capture the innocence and sensuality of someone being kissed for the first time...the idea of sensuality, juxtaposed with the fact that the material is so uncomfortable. It shows what people go through to look good."

Judith McEwen's "Untitled" is comprised of two mammoth sheets of ceiling-hung cotton tied in patterned fashion. The intricate handwork was evident, as the piece represented hundreds of hours of labour; it creates a disarming atmosphere in the context of the gallery.

Caroline Marshall's "Untitled" was an optical illusion of glass boxes, creating an unending, elevator-like shaft of darkness if looked through. The piece was a comment on the value of placing things in a box, and how precious something becomes when labelled. One of the few interactive pieces, because viewers had to look inside to see the word "precious" inscribed over the dark abyss, it was a crowd-pleaser.

Staring into the abyss of glass

Heads turned as Erin Finley displayed "Wonderland," a collection of 16 ink drawings on rag paper depicting Alice (from Wonderland) in sexually compromising positions. Finley describes the drawings as an "expression of emotions of a young girl coming of age." Finley's bold depictions effectively transform Alice, who, at first thought, seems innocent. Overall, however, a review of the show really makes no difference. The fact that it exists in the first place, and displays the best of the graduating class, is reward enough. These students will move on to the un-open arms of the real-world, and from the looks of the first show, will achieve a great deal of success. Congratulations, and good luck.

The opera comes to town

Since last year's opening of the Living Arts Centre, not many high profile acts have graced its stage. With the exception of Howie Mandel, Julio Iglesias, and a few other big names, the Centre has showcased lessor known international talents. This week was no different, as Opera Mississauga presented *Opera Stars*. Touted as an "evening of the most-loved operatic duets, overtures, and choruses," the concert delivered on all accounts.

OPERA/REVIEW

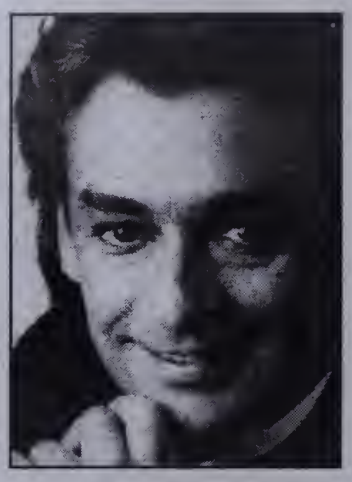
BY RICHIE MEHTA

The show was an amalgamation of international talent from Paris, Ukraine, Italy, Korea, and Canada; performers who sang from popular operas, accompanied by the Opera Mississauga Orchestra.

The night began with work from Mozart, as any opera must. The three pieces were performed by North American artists Lenard Whiting, Michele Capalbo, and Anne-Marie Korber. Audience enthusiasm was apparent early, as all opening performers were met with rousing applause.

The first sign of wackiness (yes, this opera was zanier than most) came from Toronto's Robert de Vrij, who gave an impassioned performance of Rossini's "Largo al factotum" (or "Figaro", as most recognize it). Starting among the audience, de Vrij worked his way up to the stage, all the while playing to the audience in true showman style, with over-dramatic gestures to match.

On a more serious note, Paris's Louis Quilico gave a commanding rendition of "Nulla! Silenzio!"



Toronto's Mark Dubois charmed the audience in Opera Mississauga's *Opera Stars.*

and "Eri tu." While Quilico's stage presence won the audience over, his booming voice, which could hold innumerable notes, was one for the books.

It was not only a night to reflect on famed operas, but an opportunity to enjoy the concert's comedic improvisational element

Capalbo's second performance was that of a tormented woman whose grief-stricken face revealed that she had lost her lover. She, too, played to the audience, but hers was a more internal experience.

One of the highlights came when Toronto's Mark Dubois sang "Nessun dorma" to end the first act. Throughout his rendition, he continually stopped the conductor, added his own comments, and mingled and flirted with the symphony violin players. He even went so far as to hold and time his notes, only to cue the conductor to continue playing. His rapport with the cast and audience set the show's tone. It was not only a night to reflect on famed operas, but an opportunity to enjoy the concert's comedic improvisational element (another rarity in the opera world).

The night ended appropriately as crowd favourites Quilico and Dubois sang a memorable duet for "Au fond du temple saint." Rather than create the standard high-energy, high-pitch closer, the two combined strengths to create perfect harmony. The gentle tone of the piece reflected their onstage bond, and instilled in the audience a sensitive and beautiful taste for international classical music.

The audience was treated even further when, after the curtain call, the entire ensemble came together along with the choir and the orchestra, to give the rousing finale. Glass shattered, people stood and applauded, and the Mississauga Living Arts Centre felt a roar unlike anything else in its past.

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The candidates were invited to submit statements of 100 words or less.

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One student to be elected. (Grace Subrata, Erindale College, has been acclaimed to the second seat.)

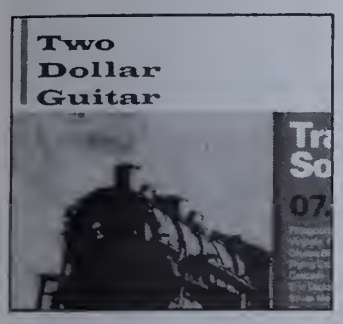
KASHIF PIRZADA (Trinity College) Change has come quickly to the University of Toronto. Tuition is up, debt-loads are skyrocketing, new programs and facilities are being introduced, and most importantly, students and the general public have had to reassess the role a university education plays in Canadian society. Though this tiny space limits me from discussing the wealth of issues at the university, I can say one thing - as a community volunteer and student leader, a fellow OSAP debtor, and as a science student, I have an intimate understanding of the hardships faced by U of T students and will do my best to represent them.

ERICA ZARKOVICH (Trinity College) Being an undergraduate student on campus, I wasn't sure how to become involved in student affairs at the University of Toronto. The University seemed so endless, and yet opportunities for students seemed so scarce. The Governing Council, however, provides the chance for the voice of the student to be heard. The Council, which is responsible for approval of items such as academic programs, admissions policies, as well as campus and student services, allows students to have a say in all aspects of University life. I would be honoured to represent the voice of the student in the Governing Council chambers.

The verdict is in on Timbaland & Sky

CD/REVIEWS

Two Dollar Guitar
Train Songs
(Smells Like Records, PO Box 6179, Hoboken, NJ 07030-7203)



Train Songs is one of those rare musical occurrences in which listeners are transported to another place. Featured is **Two Dollar Guitar**'s trademark combination of guitar, bass, and drums, but with a new dimension provided by various electronic devices.

The album plays on the metaphor of a train, whose journey provides the narrative for the trio's sonic investigations. The train theme is never didactic; instead it evokes a metaphorical framework, making this experimental album remarkably easy to digest and fascinating.

At times the music evokes the lives of passengers on the train, at others, the culture or climate of towns it is passing through, the weather, the landscape, creating a multidimensional experience. Thus facilitating the inclusion of a wide variety of styles spanning a number of cultures and periods in American folk history.

Also to their credit, **Two Dollar Guitar** acknowledge potential conceptual incongruencies in their music with music itself by drawing upon a machine such as the locomotive for inspiration. Many Modernist era musicians used the locomotive as the machine *par excellence* to imitate through music, thereby expanding musical vocabulary and heralding machines as vehicles of cultural "progression." Perhaps, the best examples of this interest in mechanical movement as a cultural identifier are the Dadaist poems of Raoul Hausmann circa 1918 and the sound experiments of the Futurists.

Music's next major step into this realm came in the 1970s with the widespread dissemination of the microchip. 'White Noise,' the sound created by electronic devices that make noises unessential to their operation became a major interest. Previously, a machine's 'noise' occurred as a result of objects hitting each other, rubbing, expanding etc.; how could sounds artificially generated connote musical expression? Robert Moog's first commercially available synthesizers were exploited for their potential–they were considered musical instruments in their own right–and Modernism reached its apex.

The Post-Modernist exploits of Thomas Dimuzio in the eighties showed us that human emotion, the machine, and electronic devices can work together (musically at least). Now in the late nineties, many artists still struggle with this concept. *Train Songs* by **Two Dollar Guitar** have successfully made a vital contribution to art and music by blurring boundaries and appropriating technology in traditional folk contexts without compromising their folkness.

Guitars, for example, are often utilized in a traditional manner but elsewhere imitate both mechanical and electronic sounds while electronic sounds often represent themselves as well as other devices. This combination, placed within the context of American folk traditions, makes the album cohesive and meaningful. Enlightening.

-Giovanni Nicola Senisi

Timbaland
Tim's Bio
(Virgin)

Tim's Bio is the debut album from hip-hop uber-producer Tim Mosely and it seems as though he felt that he had something to prove to all of his detractors. **Timbaland**, with extremely slick production techniques, manages to touch upon nearly the entire gambit of contemporary black music with varying degrees of success.

Timbaland's work with traditional East Coast MC's Nas (whose third album is due out soon–look for **Timbaland** to return the guest work favour) and MC-flavour-of-the-moment, Jay-Z, proves that he can capture the tough, gritty, street-oriented flava that dominates much of the work coming from New Yawk.

On "To My" **Timbaland**'s tough beats provide a nice fit for Nas, who proves, that though he may have sold out with "The Firm" project, he has still got mad skillz: "Same O.G./Since I rock Kangols, Lee's/ Nothing changed but my bankroll/Still jigga to the ankles."

Jay-Z too comes off hard, as usual, in "Lobster & Scrimp." **Timbaland** adds a really dirty funk sound to go with jigga's rhymes. However, both songs expose a weakness in **Timbaland**: an annoying habit of working up to–or down to–the talent level that surrounds him. Witness the average production and rather weak beats on "Wit' Yo' Bad Self" with Mad Skillz and "What Cha Talkin' About" with Static and Magoo; **Timbaland**'s beats take a huge step backwards on these tracks, matching the corresponding MC's talents.

Timbaland uses the middle of the album to dive into the New Orleans 'Bounce" phenomena, which has taken much of hip hop by storm (see anything produced by No Limit's Beats by the Pound, or anything on the CashMoney label). **Timbaland** really exploits bounce to its utmost on tracks such as "Put 'Em On" and especially "Fat Rabbit," where Tim's beats are matched in dirty 'bootiness' by MC's Static and Yoshamine (hint: the titular animal has absolutely nothing to do with an obese hare). The last third of the album features an R&B tip with long-time **Timbaland** collaborator and partner Missy Eliot teaming up with Aaliyah to produce a track truly worthy of 'freak' potential.

All told, though **Timbaland** suffers from Pete Rock syndrome (rhyming on his own album), *Tim's Bio* is a perfect résumé if you're looking to hire a top-notch hip hop producer.

- Shevan Bastianpillai

Various Artists
So So Def Bass All-Stars III
(Sony)

While nothing on *So So Def Bass All-Stars III* is necessarily bad, it is definitely lacking in the creativity department. Fifteen tracks feature thirteen artists and yet everything on the CD sounds surprisingly similar. The tone, however, is pretty good. Executive produced by Jermaine Dupri and Lil Jon, volume III contains more of the same of what you can find on the previous two volumes.

the quality of [Cyndi Lauper's "Time After Time"] stands out from the rest of the album

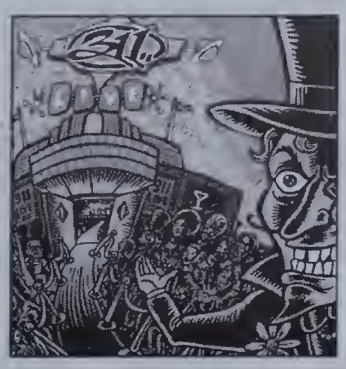
It's hard to select standouts on an album so homogenous in tone and texture, but special note must be made in regards to newcomer **INOJ**'s cover of **Cyndi Lauper**'s "Time After Time" (**Lauper** must be dragging in quite the royalties by now). Contained here in two mixes (the only one to receive that treatment), the producers obviously knew a good thing when they heard it. While her tracks do jive with the rest of the album (in terms of the clean, danceable hip-hop beats and the smooth female vocals throughout the disc), the quality of this track stands out from the rest of the album.

Although it is definitely an album for fans of pop-like, hip-hop infused dance, and anyone who has enjoyed previous *So So Def* compilations, the dance club tracks can fade easily into the background. *So So Def Bass All-Stars III* doesn't let down fans of this series, but it doesn't do much to draw a new crowd of listeners.

- Scott Arnold

311
311 Live
(Polygram)

311's brand of metal-rap (?!?) can best be described as shit! The album starts with the well-known riffs of "Down" (which Anal Cunt covered with much more sincerity) and proceeds downhill from there. To put it succinctly, this band succeeds in insulting both the metal and rap genres with one fell swoop. Whether it's with their faux pas metal riffs on "Homebrew" or the pathetically weak flow of the 'emcee' on "Misdirected Hostility," **311** successfully manage to confirm the common opinion that they have absolutely no talent.



Forgive my ignorance, but isn't the 'thing' with "live" albums supposed to be that either they add a sense of the freshness that a live show gives or that they add the extra instumentation that a live setting affords the musicians? Well, **311** manages to swing through their standards with as little artistic creativity as possible. If metal-rap is your thing, do yourself a huge favour and hold on to your money for the upcoming (and really fucking long awaited) Rage Against the Machine release. While you're waiting, do the rest of the world a favour and e-mail **311** (311music.com) to tell them how much they suck.

- Shevan Bastianpillai

Sky
Piece of Paradise
(EMI)

By now, everyone should have heard the tunes of **Sky**, with the enormous amount of airtime that they have been getting from their hit singles "Some Kinda Wonderful" and "Love Song." **Sky** is a Montréal-based duo that consists of **Antoine** and **James**. They

have been together for five years and have studied music engineering. Since they met, they have written and produced all of the songs on *Piece of Paradise*. Generally, the entire album features the fast-and-upbeat tracks that make you want to just get up and dance, such as "Love Song," "Shave," and "Last Time I Saw You."

These songs are appealing because of their simple and catchy lyrics. The sound of the album is a mix of dance-pop beats and R & B, very much in the style of music by the Australian duo Savage Garden. For instance, the memorable ballads "You and I" and "All I Want" sound like Savage Garden's "Universe."

With their debut single, "Some Kinda Wonderful," **Sky** has become another pop band trying to make it big in the music business through tired, formulated tunes. Where they stand out–whether negatively or positively–is in their lyrics, which contain hidden messages. "Some Kinda Wonderful" and "Powder" are not innocent and meaningless songs as they might initially seem, but are in fact very disturbing. First of all, "Some Kinda Wonderful" is not the typical boy-meets-girl-and-falls-in-love kind of song. Rather, it is about a boy who meets and falls in love with Satan, who takes the form of a woman. **Sky's** misogyny becomes apparent in this line: "You can call me 'baby' if you let me hold your soul/I know the eyes are all freaky and the horns are there to stay." On the other hand, "Powder" is about a guy having a discussion with cocaine. The lyrics read, "I've been hooked on you for the longest time/You got me drowning in the flavour of you/I've got you inside–you're giving me a rise and you're taking me over/Powder is all I dream about."

Sky has created the facade of a clean pop band that satisfies listeners' need for funky dance beats that will keep people moving. Ironically, **Sky** is not an insipid duo lyrically, but have mapped their music career very carefully to fulfill their vision. The title of their album, *Piece of Paradise*, is an insight to the group's irony and twisted outlook. Do they think that paradise can only achieved through vice and the committal of immoral acts? Despite **Sky**'s warped lyrics, it cannot be denied that **Sky** has got an audience hooked.

- Mona Lisa Rozon

U of T show disappoints

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was given to Olejinik Wojciech's oil on canvas "Untitled." That this work was nameless wasn't particularly bothersome, as the work itself was comprised of a run-of-the-mill abstract expressionist approach. Other accepted works which were compelling were Judith McEwen's "Void," a virtual diary entry on canvas and Maria Hupfield's "Spirit Catchers," which was engaging conceptually and articulated in a compelling manner through the use of Polaroid's and transparencies.

A lot of the works displayed in this show lacked depth, originality, and well-articulated ideas. Susie Izidoro's "Untitled #3" was particularly bothersome, as towels embroidered with phrases like "son of a bitch" couldn't hold any viewer's interest for much time. Danny Papgiannis' "Innuendo," a digital image enhanced photographically was neither interesting nor well-crafted–it was probably chosen just to fill up a smaller, awkward space on the wall that might have otherwise been left empty. Julia Poliakova's "Loneliness" painting was elegant with its beautiful technique and colour sense, but the subject matter was nothing new. Thus, Hart House Art Competition 1999 was somewhere in between art and fart.

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Fischer looks to the future

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BY RICHIE MEHTA

With the expansion of the Art and Art History department at Sheridan College and the addition of Blackwood Gallery's first full-time curator, Barbara Fischer, Erindale continues to make a name for itself in the artistic world. Fischer says Erindale's close-knit quality, and the unlimited resources of the University of Toronto, make UTM an expanded cultural centre of sorts.

Fischer, who is a distinguished Canadian curator, plans to create a contemporary artistic community at the campus.

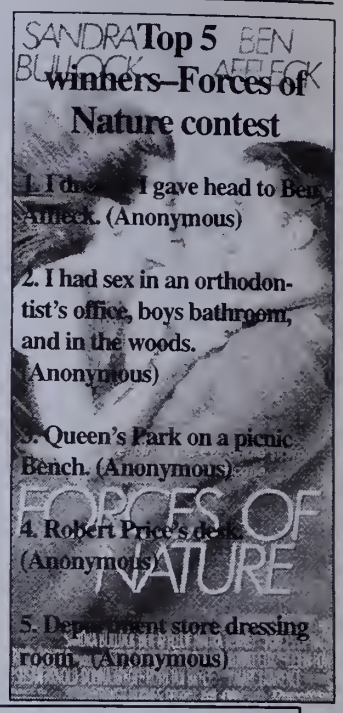
Hailing from Germany, she began her career by studying at the University of Victoria, and later worked at artist-run centres in Banff and Victoria. For contemporary curators, working at artist-run spaces is very common; "they really made things happen in contemporary art today."

After moving to Toronto and curating at the AGO and the Powerplant, Fischer decided to move to a the university setting. "This is where things happen. It's very experimental, and people who want to think critically about things are here. It's the ideal place to be."

In terms of her plans for the future of the campus, Fischer encourages experimental ideas, and an openness to the possibilities of contemporary art. "There needs to be an openness towards contemporary art, and the issues it addresses," says Fischer. "It's a very different language from strictly visual interpretations–there's a move away from representation and depiction, and once one opens up to it, it's very exciting. One can see what's going on, where the world is going, and how we think. The art creates webs of meaning, or a refusal of meaning, for some."

Fischer's plans include developing the Blackwood collection, making it more contemporary, risky, and diversified in terms of media, as well as raising funds for the gallery. "I also want to bring contemporary art to the campus. In the courtyard of the Kaneff Centre, for example, we could create a natural social place with sculptures. I'm interested in things like sound sculptures, installations, and video projections."

Looking to the future of the campus, Fischer wants to take the art of Erindale's creative community in the right direction. As of April 8, her status as full-time curator will be consolidated, and her plans to teach a curatorial studies class next year will diversify the Art and Art History programme's offerings. "I want to give students a kind of access to jobs that I didn't have. The field of contemporary arts and culture offers so many [job] opportunities. There are public art consultants, private gallery consultants, museum curators, public relations people, cultural studies, exhibition designers, advertisers...there is a broader range of jobs to select from, students have more chances [to get a job in that field]." In other words, as Fischer says, "the options are limitless."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SPORTS

Basketball playoffs filled with upsets

BY ZUHAIR FANCY

Peel Region dominated the glass in their win over the NBA Scabs. *photo/Avril Loreti*

First round

Peel Region versus Lobsters

After finishing second in the Eastern Conference, Peel Region was favoured in this first-round matchup, but they were tested by the Lobsters, who won the NCAA division last semester.

The game was tight in the first half as both teams played a conservative game with few fast breaks. Peel Region came out of the first half with a 16-7 lead. Peel was led by the strong play of Jeetinder Singh who was a force in the post with five points. Lobsters were led in scoring by Gary Yang, who had six points at half.

The second half was a very different game–both teams opened up the floor a bit more, scoring more often. Strong performances by Ahmed Farooq and Singh maintained Peel Region's lead for the second half. Yang played well in the second half, with 16 points, but he didn't receive much support from teammates. Peel Region outscored the Lobsters 34-29 in the second half for a 50-36 win.

Yang led all scorers with 22 points, while Jack Tseng was held to eight points. Johnny Wong pitched in with six points as only three of the seven Lobsters playing were able to score. As a team, the Lobsters hit only five of their fourteen free throws in the game as they struggled with their shooting.

Peel Region gave a much more balanced attack as eight of their ten players scored. Singh led the way with 17 points while Farooq pitched in with 12. From the free throw line, Peel hit only two of nine attempts. Aman Dhillon had a good game, sacrificing his offensive numbers to help shut down the Lobsters on defense.

With the win, Peel Region advanced to the semi-finals against the NBA Scabs.

Reservoir Dogs versus Mango Kids

Mango Kids finished second in the Western Conference and were confident facing the Reservoir Dogs, who clinched a playoff berth in their last game.

The Mango Kids were in tough right from the start; they only had six players at the game. With only seven players, the Reservoir Dogs were missing Dejan Grujicic, who is nursing a back injury.

The game started very slowly as neither team was able to get a basket until eight minutes into the game. The Reservoir Dogs took special care on defense–they double-teamed Patrick Espeut, stifling his ability to operate in the post. The Dogs got a slow start offensively until Ryan DeSouza started hitting three-pointers. The Mango Kids did not cover DeSouza well and he made them pay as he hit four three-pointers and ended the first half with 14 points. The Mango Kids were led in scoring by Espeut, who managed to get seven points in spite of the extra attention he faced. The first half ended with the score tied at 20-20.

The second half saw the Dogs pull away while DeSouza continued his great shooting, forcing the defense to spread. Al McNeil stepped up his game when the Mango Kids finally started to key in on DeSouza. McNeil brought the ball up and slowed the pace of the game so that the Dogs could eat as much of the clock as possible; McNeil also hit a big three to put his team up late in the game.

The Mango Kids tried to fight back, but committed too many turnovers, which cost them dearly. The Dogs had the ball with just under two minutes remaining in the game and a two-point lead. The Dogs intelligently passed the ball around the perimeter and ran over a minute until the Mango Kids finally decided to foul. With such a short bench, the Mango Kids had two players foul out of the game, leaving them with only four bodies on the floor. McNeil and DeSouza hit key free throws to solidify the win as they kept their composure under pressure for a 48-43 win. McNeil has stepped up his play to become one of the Dogs' leaders; his performance will be vital for them in the next round.

DeSouza led all scorers with 26 points and got help as Adam Long had seven and McNeil ended with six. The Mango Kids were led in scoring by Espeut, who finished with 21 points.

With the win, the Reservoir Dogs moved into the semi-finals and postponed the imminent retirement of DeSouza as they go up against Erindale State.

Second round

Erindale State versus Reservoir Dogs

The bookies favoured Erindale State going into game one of this best-of-three series, but even they must have been surprised by the way the match unfolded. Despite playing with a few injuries, Erindale State took an early lead and cruised to a 64-50 win. The Reservoir Dogs started the game flat and never really got into a good flow until the game was out of reach. The Dogs just came off their win over the Mango Kids while Erindale State played their first game in a couple of weeks, however the layoff didn't seem to hurt them at all. The Reservoir Dogs were without Dejan Grujicic, who was not given medical clearance to return to play after suffering a back injury; Ryan DeSouza was also pumped with drugs to combat the flu. Erindale State was missing Kevin Rawana and only had limited use of Bryan Foo, who was nursing a back injury which he suffered in the Division 1 basketball game the night before.

The game started off with Erindale State scoring on the fast break at will as they built a big lead. Ravi Uppal was unstoppable as he used his speed to beat the Dogs defenders to the basket on many occasions. The Reservoir Dogs turned the ball over repeatedly; Erindale State took full advantage of the Dogs' mistakes. At the end of the first half, Erindale State had a 34-12 lead–they had dominated every facet of the game. Uppal led all scorers with 15 points and Michael Arage had eight; Ali Naushahi pitched in with six and forced many Dogs' turnovers as he came up with quite a few steals. The Dogs had one of the worst halves in franchise history as they were limited to 12 points and were never able to get into a rhythm. Al McNeil led with five points as Erindale State shut down the passing lanes and didn't allow DeSouza to score in the half.

The second half was much better for the Reservoir Dogs as they tried to make a comeback, but Erindale State's lead was too much for them to overcome. The Dogs outscored Erindale State 38-30 in the half, but they were still short. Erindale State seemed less focused in the second half; they let the Dogs drive to the basket more and didn't close the middle down. The Dogs got some solid play from Adam Long, who scored 12 points in the second half; Steve Tunney, who had eight; and DeSouza, who had seven. Erindale State was led by Uppal, who scored 16 points in the second half, while Harold Samuel scored eight.

In the end, Erindale State's solid effort from start to finish gave them the lead in this series. They passed the ball extremely well and made the important shots. Uppal put on an offensive clinic as he finished the game with 31 points, Arage was next with 11. Irfaan Kalyani played a good game with some highlight passes and inspired defense.

Reservoir Dogs were led in scoring by Long, who finished with 14 points while McNeil ended with nine.

Game two of the series is on Monday at 2 p.m. with game three scheduled for Wednesday afternoon if required.

Peel Region versus NBA Scabs

Since the beginning of the year, the NBA Scabs have been favoured as the season's prospective champions; but they got a wakeup call after their game against Peel Region. The NBA Scabs came out flat, and while they made a push at the end, they couldn't prevent the upset by Peel. Peel Region played a solid game, ending up with a 49-41 victory.

Peel Region took control of the game from the start; they challenged the Scabs down low, unintimidated by the size difference. Jeetinder Singh was the key player for Peel Region–he pulled down some big rebounds. The score at the end of the first half was 22-11 with Peel Region on top. Aman Dhillon had a field day as he scored ten points in the first half, including a pair of three-pointers. Ahmed Farooq scored four points but made wise offensive choices by letting Dhillon, who had the hot hand, take the shots. NBA Scabs were led in scoring by Bill Dietz, who had five points, while veteran Jack Krist had three after being taken off the injured reserve list prior to the game.

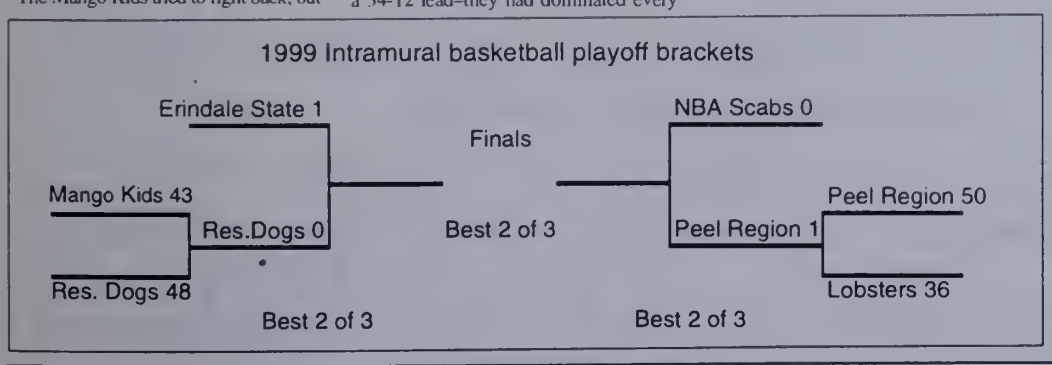
The second half was a bit closer–it saw the Scabs outscore Peel 30-27. The Scabs were able to pass the ball much better, which led to some easy baskets. Peel Region couldn't control the flow of the game as much in the second half; but they still made good decisions with the ball, not allowing the Scabs to get too close. Lance Stroud tried to lead the Scabs' comeback–he scored 12 points and Jason Gloger pitched in with eight but it was too late. The final two minutes of the game saw many stoppages as the Scabs were forced to foul in the hope that Peel would miss their free throws; but Dhillon was sent to the line down the stretch and he hit the clutch free throws to seal the win.

Peel Region had a great game offensively as they spread the points around. Dhillon led all scorers in the game with 19 points while Farooq pitched in with 15. Singh was held to only three points but was instrumental as his work down low helped to open the floor up for teammates.

The NBA Scabs had their worst offensive showing this season although they showed signs of life near the end. Stroud led them in scoring with 13 points, he hit some big three-pointers to bring his team close in the final minutes. In the locker room, Scab guard Roberto Alvarado felt that his team was outworked, especially on the boards.

Game two will be played Monday at 1 p.m. with the Scabs in need of a win to avoid elimination.

Michael Arage is seen hitting another jumper as Erindale State dominated the Reservoir Dogs. *photo/Avril Loreti*



This Week in... Ball Hockey History

BY ZUHAIR FANCY

The existence of men's ball hockey at UTM is now nothing more than a memory due to the school's lockout of the players. To fill the resultant void, *The Medium's* sports department will relive some moments from past seasons. This week's walk down memory lane features games from the 1994, 1995, and 1996 seasons.

Young Guns versus All B's

In 1994, the Young Guns upset the All B's by a score of 2-1. All B's goalie George Koumbridis made some big saves to keep the game scoreless after the first period, but Ken Hartman scored early in the second half to give the Young Guns the lead. Affik Choudry scored with six minutes left to tie the game, but with one minute left, Alex Mankowski scored on a pass from Craig Lawlor to take a 2-1 lead. The All B's pulled their goalie and turned up the heat but couldn't tie the game and ended up making an early exit from the playoffs.

Possums versus CCCP

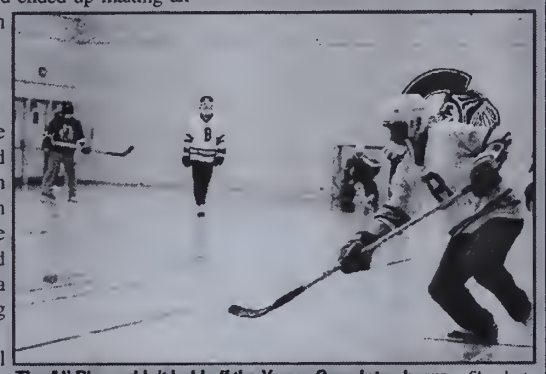
In 1995, the Possums and CCCP clashed in the A Division semifinals; the Possums moved on after a thrilling shootout. P.J. Patel opened CCCP's scoring but goals by Jon Wawrow and Gokhan Haskan put the Possums up 2-1. With the pressure on, Patel scored again to force overtime. Both teams tightened up in the extra frame, forcing a shootout.

Jon Hart and Jon Wawrow were able to score on CCCP keeper Derek Persaud while Possums goalie Frank Walshe shut out the Russians in the shootout to put his team in the finals.

Leafs versus Mavericks

In 1996, the legendary Leafs crushed the Mavericks by a score of 6-1 to earn a trip to the finals.

Martin Borean scored for the Mavericks in the first period; he was the only bright spot in their humbling loss. Craig Lawlor responded with a goal to tie it up. In the second, Gokhan Haskan scored a pair while Rob Sopov and Jon Hart added singles. Craig Lawlor scored again to put the finishing touches on the Leafs dominant play in the series.



The All B's couldn't hold off the Young Guns late charge. *file photo*

Ball hockey cancellation aftermath–now what?

Last March, Athletics Director Peter Baxter suspended the UTM ball hockey league for a week, citing the escalating violence and racial incidents as the reason. Upon reinstatement of the league, the season finished with only a few minor incidents from a few bad seeds. The reason for the change was mainly because of the fair play contracts that all players were required to sign to participate in the UTM ball hockey league.

Unfortunately, this year, the UTM's male student population was collectively slapped in the face by Principal McNutt and new Athletics Director Mary Anne Pilskalnietis, who followed the reports' recommendation to pull the plug on men's ball hockey. McNutt seemed to be overreacting to the situation while Pilskalnietis was on a power trip, turning a blind eye to the best interests of the students and that of public opinion to assert her own authority.

BETWEEN THE LINES

BY ZAIN FANCY

Three-on-three tournament?

In response to the cancellation of the league, a three-on-three tournament was going to be organized. The main reason for this tournament was to test out the waters and see how this new three-on-three format would work, since fewer players means more room on the floor and therefore less contact. The tournament was originally scheduled in November, but was cancelled. Chris Carrabs, Men's Intramural Rep, previously claimed that there would be a tournament, but when contacted this week by *The Medium*, he said that, "there would be no tournament." Why won't there be a tournament? Jack Krist, Programme Coordinator for UTM, feels that first and foremost, new rules have to be set, and that there is just "too much work to do." Krist talked about how UTM Athletics is looking at Ontario Ball Hockey League rules, which would take weeks to go through because of the sheer amount of information. Also, different committees and officials from downtown have been contacted, as well as convenors from other ball hockey leagues to come up with the new format and rules for ball hockey. This is all fine and dandy, but what the students want is ball hockey now. Since there is no possibility starting the league this late in the year, why not give the students their three-on-three tourney? How far along is the task force in making any progress at all in ball hockey? Krist said that they have met once, and are now going into the second stage, to re-write the rule book. "We feel that officiating will be the key, through better training; but, to establish rule changes and a fair play code, the time frame is just not feasible." Since the committee is so strapped for time, what took them so long to get the ball rolling? It is a well-known fact that ECARA members were aware of the ball hockey cancellation before the report was made public. They continually denied this fact when asked about the fate of ball hockey, but regardless, why didn't the committee start meeting sooner? Had they acted sooner rather than later, the three-on-three tournament would have already occurred, salvaging at least something for the ball hockey population, as well as giving the committee a preview for what the three-on-three format would be like, some practical experience rather than their theories.

Violence not only limited to ball hockey

The DAR report recommended the cancellation of ball hockey mainly because of the degree of violence and racial taunts that plagued it. Hockey is fundamentally a contact sport, where even in the non-contact leagues, certain degrees of violence are allowed (eg. clearing the crease). Ball hockey was singled out as a very violent sport in the DAR report, but what about the violence in other sports? Recently, there were a couple of major incidents in soccer. In a recent co-ed game, two women engaged in an altercation which Co-Ed Interfac rep Dave Thomas described as a "catfight, with one of the women biting the other right above her breast." Both players received red cards, one being suspended from co-ed soccer for a year, while the biter was suspended from all sports for a year.

It was just by chance that there were no ball hockey people involved in the committee, there was no hidden agenda -Principal McNutt

In men's soccer, a fight took place between Ash Hashemi and Paul Curran; Curran always seems to be involved in disciplinary problems. Both players are suspended indefinitely pending a review board hearing, but Curran is one of the main reasons that there is no more ball hockey. He was suspended in 1995 and 1997 from ball hockey, and in both terms this year in soccer. ECSU President Mike Giordano described Curran as "one of the dirtiest players in the league and if a poll were conducted, he would be voted the dirtiest player, and he'd probably take that as a compliment."

As for the 'racial taunts' that the DAR report touches upon, their members seem to be using uninformed sources. Zuhair Fancy, ball hockey commissioner for the past three years, said that "there was only one reported incident involving a racial taunt to my knowledge and the circumstances regarding it were so ambiguous that it couldn't be defined as a real racial taunt."

Uneven DAR committee representation

What the DAR report didn't seem to understand was that they were taking ball hockey away from everyone because of the actions of a few. Interestingly, of all of the DAR committee members, not one person is heavily involved with ball hockey. Therefore, these people could not possibly understand the magnitude of their recommendation to cancel ball hockey because they had no link to it. To them, it was simply a cut and dry issue, with no further thinking involved. Principal McNutt, who, along with Les McCormick, chose the committee, said that "it was just by chance that there were no ball hockey people involved in the committee, there was no hidden agenda."

UTM is a very small campus compared with other Canadian universities, and what differentiates it from other schools is ball hockey; ball hockey is UTM. UTM had the biggest intramural league in North America, but it is now just another campus, thanks to the following members on the DAR committee: Sharon Hammond, Liz Hoffman, John Lester, Les McCormick, Rufaida Mohammed, Pardeep Nagra, Adaora Ogbue, Lorraine Otoide, Lindsay Telfer, and Paresh Trivedi. These committee members made a decision based on poor evidence in more of a political move than anything and robbed UTM of its pride and joy.

He can do it all

After showing off his offensive talents, NAI's Hamada Amer went in net for the second half to ensure his team's 5-4 win over 2-Good in co-ed soccer action. *photo/Sijie Xu*

Grunwald is undiscovered genius

Toronto Raptor's general manager Glen Grunwald has shown that he is one of the elite in the NBA. Faced with an awful situation when he took over the Raptors, Grunwald has transformed the Raptors into the most competitive team they have put on the court since they came into the league. The fact of the matter is that Grunwald gets no credit for the job he is doing, neither by the media, by other GMs in the NBA, or the basketball fans in Toronto.

BETWEEN THE LINES

BY MUSTAFA KHAN

Everyone is still under the illusion that when Isiah Thomas quit, the Raptors would be a lost cause, the next L.A. Clippers or Denver Nuggets–teams that have been an embarrassment for their entire existence. But, Thomas quitting was the best move for the franchise, since it gave Grunwald a chance to show off his talents–then when the Maple Leafs' ownership bought the Raptors, the foundation was set for something special. Grunwald is far better than Thomas, all you have to do is look at the moves he has made.

Grunwald's biggest accomplishment to date has to be his drafting of Vince Carter. It is important to realize that the Raptors actually traded down to get Carter, since they selected Antawan Jamison in last year's draft, and then flipped him to Golden State who had drafted Carter. Anyone who has been watching the Raptors this year knows that Carter is the real deal and simply amazing.

The value that Charles Oakley and Kevin Willis bring to the Raptors cannot be overstated. Grunwald gave up peanuts to get Willis, and although Marcus Camby, who the Raptors gave up to get Oakley, might turn out to be a star after Oakley has long retired, he wasn't going to reach his potential in Toronto. If the Raptors didn't have the inside presence of Oakley and Willis, Carter couldn't do his aerial tactics since teams have to respect the two big guys inside. And although the value of having two veterans on the team can't be measured directly, it is certain that all of the young players on the Raptors will undoubtedly benefit by learning the dedication, work ethic, and guts it takes to be a winner from the two veterans.

Grunwald also did an amazing job in handling the Damon Stoudamire situation. He traded Stoudamire for a package of players including Chauncey Billups, and Dee Brown. In a later deal, Grunwald dealt Billups for Alvin Williams and draft picks. Although Williams is not half as good as Stoudamire, he doesn't have to be with the likes of Carter, Willis, and Christie in the fold. Dee Brown, once again, adds the veteran leadership dimension that can't be overstated. The key for the Williams deal is that Billups along with Tyson Wheeler, was flipped to Denver to land their first round draft pick, as well as the rights to Zeljko Rebraca from the Timberwolves (the trade involved three teams), an over 7-foot center playing in Europe, who has unlimited potential. This guy is really good, so look out for him. With Denver's pick, which is likely to be a lottery pick, and with Rebraca at centre (which is Toronto's greatest need after point guard), the Raptors will have three potential stars in the lineup next year (Rebraca and the two first-round picks the Raptors have–theirs and Denver's). These players will also be here for a while due to the new collective bargaining agreement. Given Grunwald's track record in the draft, who knows how good the Raptors will be in the future.

Aside: Camby was benched for an entire game last week, suggesting that the Knicks are becoming frustrated with him. How do they show their disappointment? They signed Camby to a 6-year–$36 million deal two days later showing once again, sports business makes no sense.

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Holyfield becomes the bad guy

Evander Holyfield used to be the hero, the good guy, the brave warrior that everyone rooted for in two consecutive fights against Mike Tyson. But all of this changed quickly with one stupid move. Before last Saturday's bout at Madison Square Garden for the undisputed heavyweight championship, Evander Holyfield repeatedly guaranteed that he'd knock Lennox Lewis out before the end of the third round. Evander, what are you doing? You instantly became the bad guy, regardless of the outcome of the fight.

BETWEEN THE LINES

BY ADAM GILES

Holyfield, who talks to God in his spare time, has taken over as evil champion from Tyson. When Holyfield fought Tyson the first time, he guaranteed that he'd win–but that was different because he was the underdog. Tyson made the same prediction in that fight but because he was the champion and favoured, and worst of all–Mike Tyson, he was the bad guy. In most heavyweight title fights, the crowd will cheer for the challenger if the champ has made presumptuous remarks as Holyfield has done. Although some spectators will root for the bad guy (the favoured champion) because they want to see him completely dominate the challenger, most want to see a good fight, so they cheer for the underdog hoping he can keep up with the champ. In Holyfield-Tyson part two, Holyfield was champ, fans still cheered him because Tyson is permanently a bad guy who will forever keep this image because, in that fight, he resorted to biting Holyfield's ear and was disqualified making Holyfield a hero again. This is how things were until recently when Holyfield tainted that image with his new cocky attitude. Once there was a humble and somewhat modest Holyfield that fans loved to cheer–how can people cheer him now?

It is an insult to Lennox Lewis that Holyfield guaranteed victory in the third round. Holyfield, who is as "spiritual" as ever, discounts his foes abilities. These remarks to intimidate Lewis are disgraceful and disrespectful. Yes, intimidation is part of boxing, but it shouldn't be when it is at the cost of the sport's integrity. Look at boxing in the days of Joe Frazier, George Foreman, and Muhammed Ali. If these guys were still in the ring, they'd clean up the shit that's going on.

Although Holyfield's remarks seem genuine, they are more than likely not his own. He was undoubtedly coached by boxing promoters to make this irrational prediction in order to increase ratings. What's in it for him? A couple of million dollars–a colossal paycheck for a guy who's rapidly losing brain cells. It is unfortunate that this form of entertainment has become solely about money and ratings, because if it were even close to being about the athletes, we'd see a more respectful and honourable sport.

Women's ball hockey playoffs

BY CHANDRA GILBERT

Flaming Moe's versus Paralyzers

The Paralyzers were favoured going into this series but the Flaming Moe's pulled off the upset to advance to the finals. In game one of the two-game total-goals series, the Flaming Moe's won 3-0 as Jennifer Brooks scored two goals while Betty Grela had a single goal.

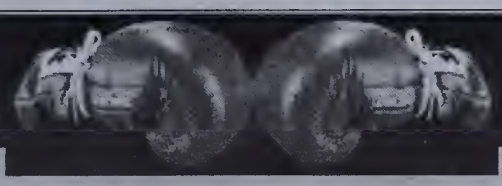
The Paralyzers were without goaltender Carol Seymour but Cheryl Reid subbed in for her; she made some great saves during the game. Unfortunately for the Paralyzers, Debbie Medeiros was on top of her game–she recorded the shutout in the series opener.

Both teams were hyped for game two. The Moe's struck first with a goal by Betty Grela, but the Paralyzers, who were looking to stay alive in this series, answered back with two goals from Emma Wilmot and Lindsey Telfer.

The second half of this game was intense; the Moe's scored two goals to put this one away as Grela and Gozdzik scored. The Paralyzers tried to get back in this one with a goal in the final minute by Erin Laporte on a pass from Wilmot. The final score for game two was 3-3 but the Moe's had a three-goal advantage from game one so they won the series by a score of 6-3.

Flaming Moe's now go to the finals against the Bond Girls in a best two-of-three series.

Punchout–Left hook
Zuhair Fancy



Punchout–Right hook
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Are intramural sports at UTM becoming too competitive and as a result, more violent?

Intramural violence is blown out of proportion

After the cancellation of men's ball hockey people who pointed fingers said that intramurals at UTM are out of control. "The players are too competitive" and "people act like this is the pros" were some of the more commonly used phrases.

There is violence in UTM intramurals, but this problem has been blown out of proportion. The problem boils down to a couple of simple facts. First, the same people cause the problems that occur in multiple sports; second, the people causing the problems are those who don't know how to play the games involved.

There are troublemakers who seem to have problems in every sport they play. Why should the rest of the players be blamed for the actions of a select few? Those who know the games rules seem to have no problems.

I have witnessed many incidents in a basketball game in which a conflict has arisen because an unskilled player constantly fouled an opponent. After a verbal exchange between the players, the altercation is later reported as being a brawl.

Many incidents, especially in ball hockey, tend to be exaggerated when repeated and, as a result, people get the impression that the gym is one big bloodbath, which is untrue.

Intramurals are supposed to be fun; but what fun is there in losing? It's tasteless to take cheap shots to win a game; but not trying your best in competition is a mockery of sport. Intramural sports are intended for people to compete with others of equal skill in a fun atmosphere.

Rumours and gossip have led to the branding of intramurals as out of control, which is untrue. Some people may get carried away, but players generally aren't serious to the point of violence.

Students taking it much too seriously

If you've played some of UTM's intramural sports, no doubt you have noticed an escalation in competitiveness. Although there is nothing inherently wrong with being competitive, it becomes problematic when it leads to students taking games much too seriously.

Problems also arise when in-game conflicts carry on after the game. This is especially true for team sports because, when two opposing teams fight for a win, competitiveness is expected–however, it is becoming more common to see players go beyond normal competitive behaviour. Players engage in violence, trash-talking, and overall unsportsmanlike conduct. Spectators and players will also yell severe criticisms throughout and after the game.

Come on people, if you want to behave like that, join a varsity team. Intramural sports teams shouldn't have to tolerate unsportsmanlike acts because they hurt players that just want to enjoy themselves. Take a second to consider that players and spectators are supposed to have fun playing intramural sports. Yet players and fans alike continue to take these games far too personally. Even fellow teammates are beginning to turn on each other because they have to win. I have witnessed several incidents that have left me shaking my head, and sadly, I find that these incidents are increasing in frequency.

I am appalled to see some of the crap that goes on in the games and in the stands while watching soccer and basketball. There doesn't seem to be any more respect amongst players or fans. We have seen the increase in competitiveness and violence very clearly and the consequences of that with the cancellation of men's ball hockey.

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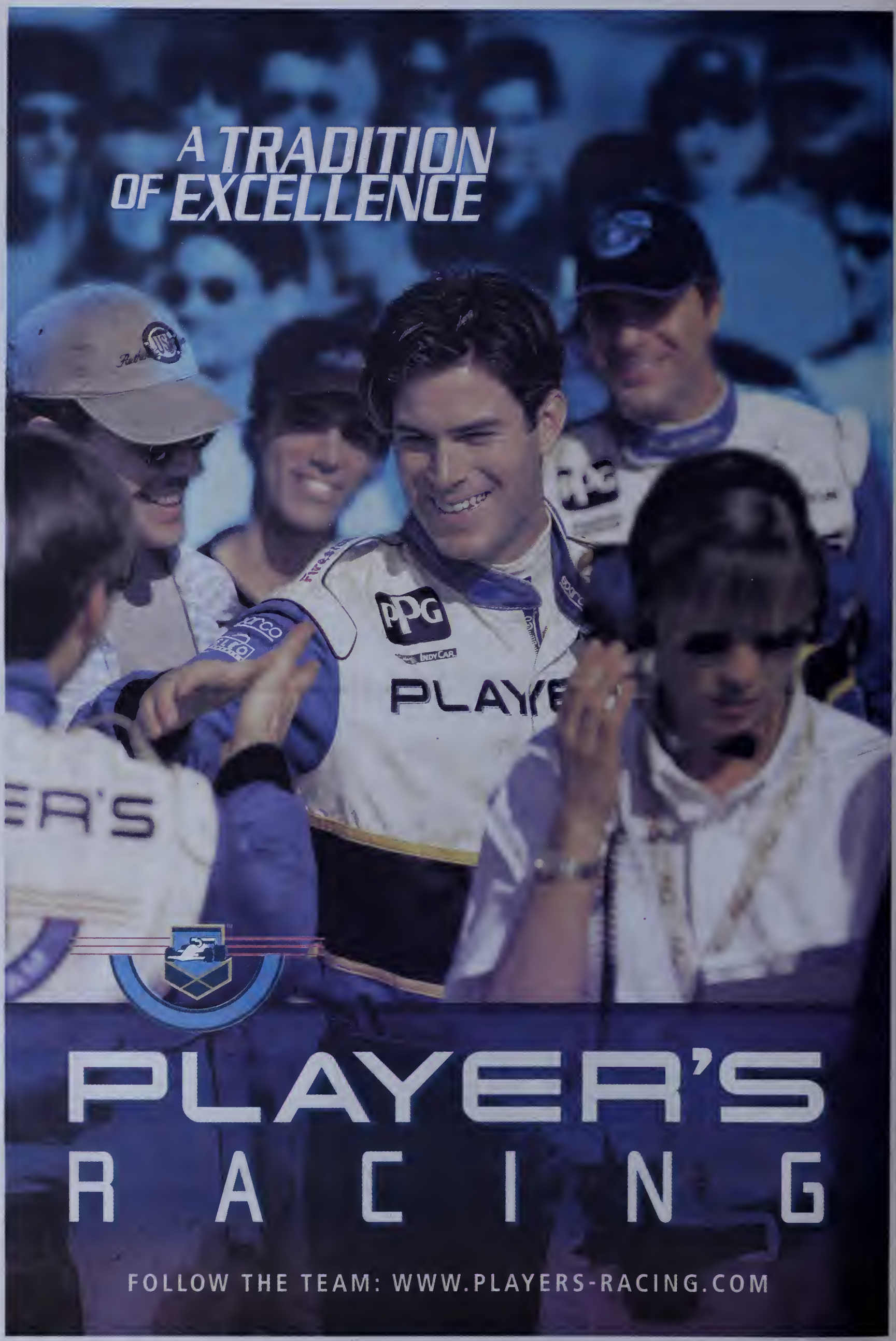
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